

YOUR VALLEY YOUR VOICE!

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GIVES LOCAL PEOPLE MORE SAY IN HOW
DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE HOLME VALLEY

The Plan will result in more funds being available for community
projects within the Holme Valley



**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE
TO TELL US
WHAT YOU THINK**

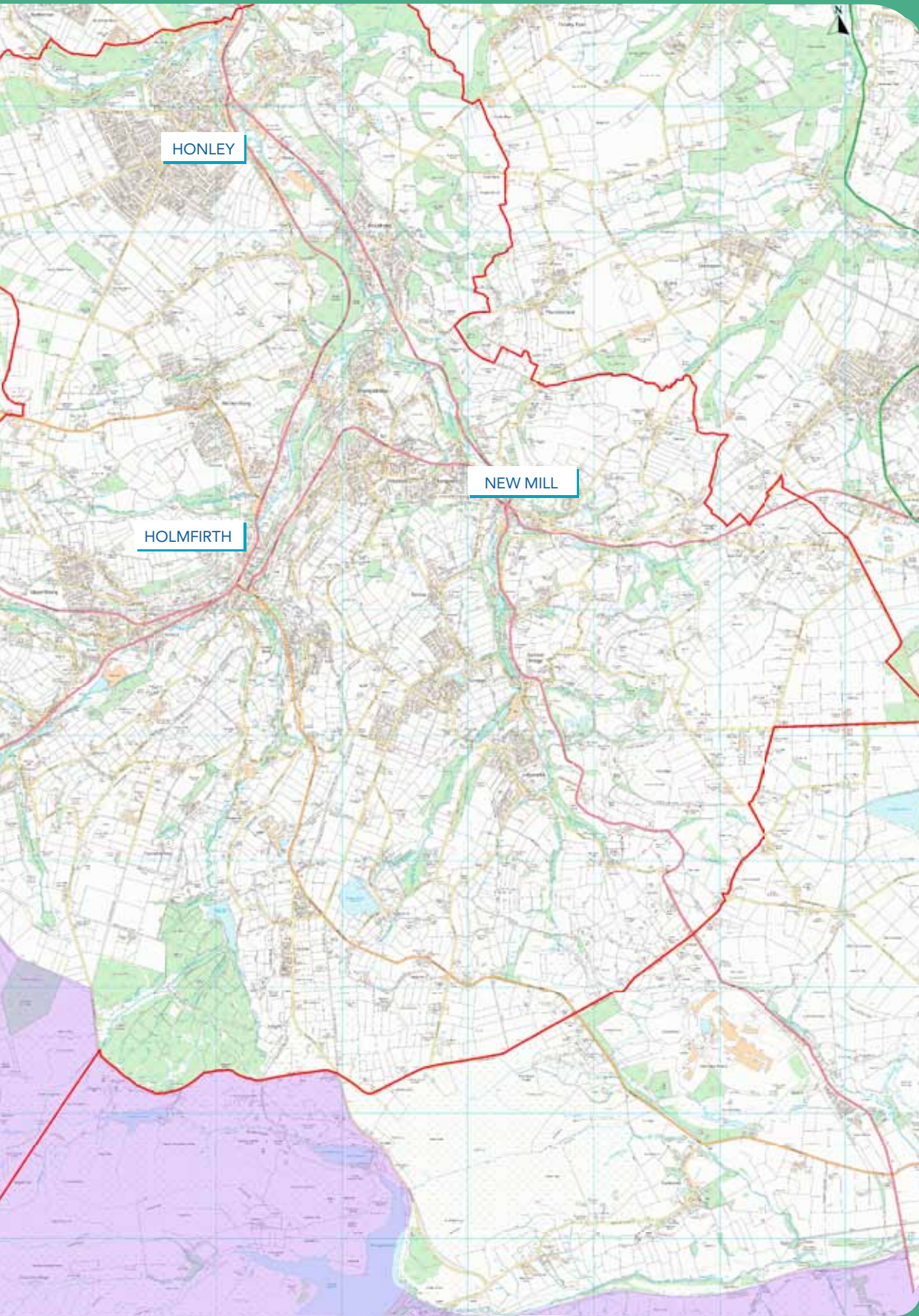
A map of the Holme Valley area, showing a designated neighbourhood plan area highlighted in light purple. The map includes roads, rivers, and green spaces. A red line outlines the boundary of the plan area. The text 'HOLME VALLEY' is prominently displayed in a white box at the top, with 'DESIGNATED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA' below it. The text 'PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK' is visible on the map.

HOLME VALLEY

DESIGNATED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

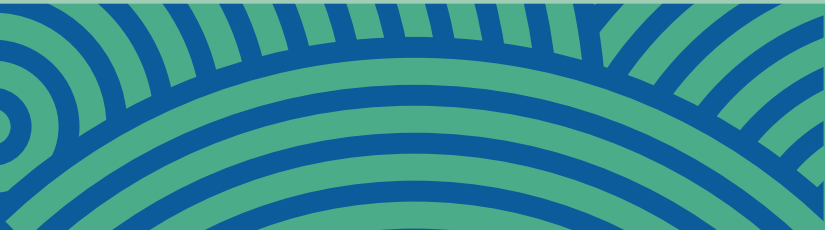




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WELCOME TO THE HOLME VALLEY DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

DO YOU WANT TO INFLUENCE THE
LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND NATURE
OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN
THE HOLME VALLEY?





THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TELL US IF THE POLICIES WE PROPOSE WILL RESULT IN THE SORT OF PLACE IN WHICH YOU WANT TO LIVE AND WORK. THE POLICIES FORM PART OF THE PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP).

Have your say about the Holme Valley

NDPs aim to give local people more say in decisions about proposed developments in their area, by encouraging their involvement in drafting local planning policies. These will give them a real influence over how, and where, development should happen within their area.

What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

NDPs were brought in by the Localism Act 2011 so are a relatively new part of the UK planning system. When a NDP is adopted it becomes part of Kirklees' Local Plan, and is used to help determine planning applications, as they provide the local detail to more strategic policies.

Who is writing the Neighbourhood Development Plan?

The Holme Valley NDP has been written by a steering group of local parish councillors and community group representatives. The group, formed in April 2016, developed its understanding of 'issues and options' which the NDP wanted to explore, secured the necessary funding and appointed planning consultants. It also sought technical expertise to identify the Valley's unique landscape and heritage and build the evidence base for the plan.

How is your voice heard?

Local residents were asked for their views in a public consultation exercise held in summer 2017. The responses were analysed and used to draft the proposed planning policies which will guide development in the Holme Valley parish up to 2031.

The responses highlighted the following:

The thing that people like most about living in the Holme Valley is the rural environment. Responders wanted to see:

- Improvements to traffic
- Improved shopping
- Better public transport
- More sustainable energy efficient homes
- Additional houses spread around the valley with priority to brownfield sites
- Limited development
- Affordable and small houses
- More people able to work in the valley
- Protection of the rural nature, green belt and fields
- Housing and economic development to be sensitive to the valley's character enforced through planning permission and law

The NDP comprises a vision statement, a set of objectives and policies and commentary explaining the meaning of the policies.

The vision, is based on the steering group's views, feedback from the groups to which they belong and the many consultation exercises carried out in recent years, and describes what we want to achieve over the next 15 years. The objectives break the vision down into sections to focus on what needs to be done to address the issues facing the Valley.

The policies turn the objectives into criteria that will be used to assess planning applications submitted to Kirklees Council.

The NDP also includes 'actions' to be taken forward by the Parish Council to address the non-planning issues. The full draft NDP can be viewed on the Holme Valley Parish Council website

www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np/

Paper copies of the full draft NDP are available to view at Holmfirth and Honley libraries or the Holme Valley Parish Council, Holmfirth Civic Hall, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS.

VISION FOR THE VALLEY

THE HOLME VALLEY OF THE FUTURE WILL CONTINUE TO BE A BEAUTIFUL RURAL LANDSCAPE, OFFERING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS FOR WILDLIFE AND CELEBRATING ITS HERITAGE AND SPLENDOUR FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL PEOPLE AND VISITORS.

IT WILL BE HOME TO A VIBRANT AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY WHOSE PEOPLE LIVE AND/OR WORK WITHIN ITS THRIVING SETTLEMENTS. IT WILL OFFER THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR MODERN LIFE, WHILST SUSTAINING A STRONG SENSE OF IDENTITY AND BELONGING FOR EVERYONE.





OBJECTIVES & POLICIES

OBJECTIVES

- Objective 1: To preserve and promote the distinctive characteristics of the Holme Valley.
- Objective 2: To protect open spaces, views and the landscape of the Holme Valley.
- Objective 3: To promote the type of housing that meets the needs of the local population and ensure that all new development meets appropriate design and building standards.
- Objective 4: To promote growth of the economy, employment and tourism in the Holme Valley.
- Objective 5: To promote education and life-long learning for all.
- Objective 6: To promote the health and well-being of residents.
- Objective 7: To improve accessibility.
- Objective 8: To improve infrastructure and movement around the Valley.
- Objective 9: To promote sustainability, reduce impact on climate change and move towards a zero-carbon local economy.

POLICIES

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| 1. Protecting and enhancing the landscape character of the Holme Valley | 9. Facilitating development in Holmfirth, Honley and other local centres |
| 2. Protecting and enhancing the built character and conservation areas of the Holme Valley | 10. Protecting local community facilities |
| 3. Conserving and enhancing non-designated heritage assets | 11. Protecting local green space |
| 4. Encouraging high quality design in new development | 12. Supporting community based education, health and well being |
| 5. Promoting high quality shop fronts advertisements and public realm | 13. Improving traffic and transport infrastructure |
| 6. Building homes for the future | 14. Improving parking, public transport and accessibility |
| 7. Supporting small business generation | 15. Promoting sustainability |
| 8. Encouraging tourist and visitor facilities | 16. Focusing developer contributions on local priorities |

TELL US YOUR VIEWS

The draft vision, objectives and policies are open for public consultation until 27th July 2018.

We need to know if they cover the main issues for the Holme Valley, if we have missed anything important and whether they will guide new development in a positive way, sensitive to the Holme Valley's distinctive character and landscape. Details of the policies can be found after the questionnaire on page 12 onwards. Your responses will inform the final version of the NDP, which will be shared with Kirklees and other statutory bodies before being considered by an inspector later in 2018. After that, you will decide whether you support its adoption by voting in a referendum in 2019.

Please complete the questionnaire on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/holmevalleyndp> or for further details about the NDP and to see the Plan in full, please look at the Parish Council website www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np/

Or if you prefer, deposit your completed questionnaire at Holmfirth or Honley libraries, or the Holme Valley Parish Council Offices, Holmfirth Civic Hall, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS.

Please let us know your thoughts by answering the following questions before 27th July 2018.

1 Do you agree with our vision and objectives for the Holme Valley?

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

What changes would you make? _____

Do you agree with the following policies?

2 Draft Policy 1: Protecting and enhancing the landscape character of Holme Valley

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

3 Draft Policy 2: Protecting and enhancing the built character and conservation areas of the Holme Valley

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

4 Draft Policy 3: Conserving and enhancing local non-designated heritage assets

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

5 Draft Policy 4: Encouraging high quality design in new development

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

6 Draft Policy 5: Promoting high quality shopfronts, advertisements & public realm

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

7 Draft Policy 6: Building homes for the future

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

8 Draft Policy 7: Supporting small business generation

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____



9 Draft Policy 8: Encouraging tourist and visitor facilities

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

10 Draft Policy 9: Facilitating development in Holmfirth, Honley and other local centres

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

11 Draft Policy 10: Protecting local community facilities

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

12 Draft Policy 11: Protecting Local Green Space

The NDP allows us the opportunity to identify Local Green Space. (More information about this term is given in the policy). Please nominate spaces you think should have this designation and give us your reasons.

13 Draft Policy 12: Supporting community based education, health and wellbeing

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

14 Draft Policy 13: Improving traffic and transport infrastructure

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

15 Draft Policy 14: Improving parking, public transport & accessibility

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

16 Draft Policy 15: Promoting sustainability

Yes No Please tick the appropriate box

Do you have any suggestions for improvements? _____

17 Draft Policy 16: Focusing developer contributions on local priorities

Monies received through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will be prioritised according to the residents' wishes. What are your priorities? Please rank your top 5 priorities in order of priority with 5 being the most important.

Improving local heritage features	_____	Maintaining footpaths and bridleways	_____
Improving accessibility to public buildings	_____	Contributing towards highway improvements	_____
Improving public transport	_____	Refurbishing a community building	_____
Creating tourist attractions	_____	Take over a community facility	_____
Supporting new community centres	_____	Flood prevention project	_____
Providing more public toilets	_____	Saving public toilets from closure	_____
Providing facilities for older people	_____	Providing facilities for young people	_____
Improving local parking	_____	Supporting community centres	_____
Employing town centre managers	_____	Providing a new park/play equipment	_____
Undertaking environmental projects	_____	Creating new parks or green spaces	_____

18 Are there any other comments you would like to make?





POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 1

PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THE LANDSCAPE CHARACTER OF HOLME VALLEY

New development in the Holme Valley should protect and enhance the local landscape character of each Local Character Area as identified in the Heritage and Character Assessment (2016) and be sensitive to its location.

The design and siting of new development and associated landscaping schemes should:

- Prioritise the use of brownfield sites and/or the re-use of existing buildings where possible.
- Consider the need to protect identified significant views from built up areas to the dramatic upland areas of moorland and moorland fringe through layout, form and height of new development.
- Conserve the open, rural character of the landscape. Isolated new buildings on the open hillside and hill tops will be discouraged and rural development should adjoin the existing built form of settlements and farmsteads.
- Not break the skyline, and have appropriate screening and landscaping using local native species. Larger buildings should be “broken up” using a change in materials or colour or a break in the roof span.
- Protect existing areas of dry stone walls and include new dry stone walls as boundary treatments.
- Retain mature and established trees in the built-up area.
- Retain ancient and veteran trees in the wider landscape and the fauna and flora that depend upon them.
- Include pedestrian linkages to existing tracks and routes including historic packhorse routes and long-distance footpaths.
- Protect wildlife resources and green corridors including areas of woodland on valley slopes.
- Ensure design and materials reflect the character of the surrounding area such as local Millstone Grit and stone flags wherever possible.
- Ensure new development does not result in the coalescence of existing settlements particularly along the valley floor.
- Ensure landscaping schemes use traditional and appropriate species to support and enhance biodiversity. The species should take account of the location, height, density and need for on-going management.
- Residential property boundaries should make use of native tree species. Existing hedgerows should be retained (except where they restrict the achievement of the aims of this Plan) and the establishment of new native hedgerows is encouraged to support and protect wildlife.
- New developments will be required to design and deliver high quality green infrastructure, complementing and enhancing Kirklees’ Local Plan’s Strategic Green Infrastructure. Links to villages and settlements should aim at creating ecological and recreational networks and with opportunities for residents and visitors to have direct contact with the natural environment and the Holme Valley’s heritage.

POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 2

PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THE BUILT CHARACTER AND CONSERVATION AREAS OF THE HOLME VALLEY

All development should seek to protect and enhance:

- local built character;
- both designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings; and historic landscape character, and put in place measures to avoid or minimise impact or mitigate damage.

Proposals for new development and alterations to existing buildings will be required to demonstrate careful consideration of any potential impact on the local built character, conservation areas or other nearby designated or non-designated heritage assets above or underground.

Proposals will be required to describe the significance of any designated or non-designated heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. They should also protect, conserve, and enhance these heritage assets and their settings in a manner appropriate to their significance. Overall, development must reflect the scale, mass, height and form of existing locally characteristic buildings, and design details and materials should be chosen to be appropriate and harmonious with neighbouring properties.

New developments should strengthen the local sense of place by providing visual references to past industrial and agricultural heritage. Where historic features such as mill chimneys function as key focal points, they should be retained and restored as an integral part of new development schemes. Vernacular architecture should be considered so designs are based on local needs, construction materials and reflect local traditions.

Developments should ensure a contrast is maintained between the densely-populated valley floor and the rural backdrop. Consideration should be given to enhancing the gateways into the valley floor to provide a sense of arrival. Gaps in built form and open spaces between settlements should be protected to ensure they remain separate and distinct.

Low-density development patterns should be maintained for hamlets and small villages. The height and scale of new developments should consider and protect:

- key views towards significant local landmarks
- inward and outward landscape views around the built-up area
- the surrounding landscape by using landscaping and screening to integrate new buildings.

New developments must provide sufficient off-road parking to alleviate congestion on local valley routes. Contemporary designs will be acceptable where they are of exceptional quality and where they clearly demonstrate that they are appropriate to their context.



POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 3

CONSERVING AND ENHANCING LOCAL NON-DESIGNATED HERITAGE ASSETS

Where a non-designated heritage asset is affected by development proposals, there will be a presumption in favour of its retention. Any loss of the whole or part of such an asset will require clear and convincing justification. No loss will be permitted without taking all reasonable steps to ensure the new development will proceed after the loss has occurred.

Any special features which contribute to an asset's significance should be retained and reinstated, where possible, in accordance with paragraph 135 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Any extensions or alterations should be designed sympathetically, without detracting from or competing with the heritage asset. Proposals should relate appropriately in terms of siting, style, scale, massing, height and materials.

Proposals within the setting of a non-designated heritage asset will be required to give due consideration to its significance and ensure that this is protected or enhanced.

New buildings and any associated landscaping within the curtilage of a non-designated heritage asset, or in close proximity to, should ensure that the setting is not compromised. Positive settings should be protected, preserved and enhanced by new development which assist in better revealing the significance of the asset.



POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 4

ENCOURAGING HIGH QUALITY DESIGN IN NEW DEVELOPMENT

All new development proposals should promote good design by:

- Ensuring new development is of a scale, mass and built form which responds to the characteristics of the site and its surroundings. Care must be taken to ensure that building(s) height, scale, and form, including the roofline, do not disrupt the visual amenities of the street scene and impact on any significant wider landscape views.
- Proposals must not feature designs specific to a generic scheme and must explain how they take account of the locally distinctive character of the area in which they are to be sited within design and access statements.
- Where planning permission is required, extensions must be small in scale and subordinate in scale to the original building.
- New buildings must follow a consistent design approach in the use of materials, to windows and other openings and the building's roofline. Materials must be chosen to complement the design of the development and add to the quality or character of the surrounding environment.
- Sustainable, energy efficient designs should be used. Reclaimed materials from sustainable sources should be used where possible.
- Proposals must minimise the impact on general amenity and give careful consideration to noise, odour and light. Light pollution must be minimised, and security lighting must be appropriate, unobtrusive and energy efficient.
- In the rural areas, redevelopment, alteration or extension of historic farmsteads and agricultural buildings should be sensitive to their distinctive character, materials and form.
- Making use of renewable technologies (e.g. solar, geothermal) as an integral part of the building design not as bolt on additions.
- Carrying out a BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) sustainability assessment method if a proposal falls within its remit.
- Ensuring drainage schemes and permeable hard surfacing are sustainable and address any limitations of the existing system in the area.
- Ensuring surface water is retained on the development and the risk of run-off is minimised by the inclusions of water attenuation facilities such as lagoons, ponds and swales.
- Encouraging the sustainable design of buildings such as use of "green" or "living" roofs and "blue" roofs and the harnessing and storage of rain for grey water will be supported.

All new development will be required to demonstrate how the final design has taken account of the design principles set out in Appendix 2.



POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 5

PROMOTING HIGH QUALITY SHOPFRONTS, ADVERTISEMENTS & PUBLIC REALM

Overall, development must reflect the scale, mass, height and form of existing locally characteristic buildings, and design details and materials should be appropriate and harmonious with neighbouring properties.

The creation of new shopfronts, or the replacement / alteration of an existing frontage should be well designed to reflect the character of the surrounding area and seek to enhance the visual amenity of the local area. In particular proposals should have regard to:

- the architectural merit of the existing shopfront;
- the existing character of the area;
- the suitability of the overall form, scale and architectural detail in relation to the overall appearance of the building; and
- the suitability of materials in relation to the overall appearance of the building.

Any signage or advertisements should be well designed and appropriately sited in order to positively contribute to a safe and attractive environment, with any proliferation of advertisements avoided.

All new proposals should demonstrate how they meet the following criteria:

- be of a high-quality design and sensitive to its visual appearance on the building on which it is to be sited and the surrounding street scene, especially in the case of a heritage asset or within a conservation area;
- be appropriate to its setting and location and have due regard for local distinctiveness;
- not contribute to an unsightly proliferation or clutter of signage in the vicinity;
- not cause any public safety hazard to pedestrians or road users;
- not cause a visual intrusion by virtue of light pollution into adjoining residential properties or unnecessarily cause poorly directed light pollution elsewhere; and
- be appropriate and relevant to the business or premises for which it has been created.

Refuse collection should be considered with any new proposals for business or retail facilities and provision should be made for trade waste bins off the public highway or pavements.

The views of existing locations, such as the river or public spaces within the town and local centres, should be enhanced so that new developments improve rather than hide existing points of interest.

New developments associated with the night-time economy should demonstrate the following:

- consideration of appropriate opening hours to mitigate any adverse impact on surrounding residential properties;
- consideration of managing the noise pollution caused by the congregation of customers or delivery motorbikes outside the premises through appropriate opening hours and parking facilities;
- effective management of any littering caused by customers, through the use of litter bins.

All new development will be expected to demonstrate how it has taken account of the design principles in Appendix 3.



POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 6

BUILDING HOMES FOR THE FUTURE

All housing development should consider local expectations of its location, density and type. All developers of more than two properties are recommended to undertake a public consultation with local residents.

In addition to the sites allocated by Kirklees Council in the Allocations and Designations DPD, new housing development will only be supported within the existing settlement boundaries, and subject to the following additional considerations.

- Brownfield sites and the conversion of other suitable buildings for residential use is strongly encouraged provided the development adjoins the existing built up area, is suitable in terms of design, house size, tenure etc. and does not lead to ribbon development which joins up existing settlements and villages.
- Conversion rather than demolition of mill buildings is encouraged. The conversion of mill buildings from industry to residential will be supported if it can be shown that the businesses within it can be relocated within the Valley.
- Adequate parking for residents and visitors should be provided. This should relate to the size of the properties and be in accordance with the adopted Kirklees Parking Standards as detailed in Appendix 4. These standards are a minimum and additional parking provision to accommodate visitors, delivery vans etc. will be encouraged to avoid the regular overspill of parking onto nearby roads.
- Developments should be linked to public transport routes and encourage walking and cycling by enhancing, expanding and linking to existing routes.
- Development in small in-fill sites and extensions to existing built up areas will need to be balanced with protecting the character and distinctiveness of an area.
- New housing schemes will be supported where they include an appropriate mix of house types, sizes and tenures. Developments should include a suitable proportion of smaller one, two and three-bedroom properties for sale and rent.
- Schemes will be supported where they include a suitable proportion of housing designed to meet the needs of older people and properties for first time buyers. Schemes of eleven or more units will be required to provide a suitable proportion of affordable housing in line with the recommendations in the Kirklees' Local Plan.
- Priority will be given to the delivery of affordable housing and maximising the potential for meeting identified local needs and local affordable needs from appropriate individual development opportunities. Proposals will be expected to demonstrate that densities make best and efficient use of land and reflect local settlement character.
- Affordable housing needs are forecast to apply over a period of time and not all the identified need is required straight away. The delivery of affordable housing should be phased in line with demand to ensure that the market is not over-supplied at any time. This can be done by closely working with and between housing developers, landowners and appropriate Registered Providers of affordable housing.

POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 7

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS GENERATION

Holme Valley Parish Council will support proposals which involve the creation or sustainable expansion of small businesses within the designated area, subject to the following criteria being met:

- The site is located within the built-up areas of Honley, Holmfirth or a smaller rural settlement, an identified employment area or a site specifically allocated for that type of use or is part of a suitable and sustainable farm diversification scheme within a rural area; or
- The proposal is for the sustainable expansion of an existing business within its existing site, subject to other policies within this document; or
- The proposal is for the conversion or redevelopment of suitable existing buildings in accordance with all other relevant policies within this document.

The Parish Council will seek to promote the role of home-working within the economy, through improvements to broadband and telecommunications infrastructure and small-scale extensions to existing residential dwellings. The Council will not support proposals for residential development which are contrary to policies within the Local Plan and the NPPF purely on the basis that they would assist in the delivery of home-working.

All proposals for employment use will be supported subject to satisfying the following criteria:

- They are physically well related to an existing main settlement or village or to an existing group of buildings, except where the proposed facilities are required in conjunction with a particular countryside attraction and there are no suitable existing buildings or developed sites available.
- They do not undermine the character, quality or visual amenities of the area by virtue of their scale, siting, materials or design.
- They are connected to the existing highway and transport network and will not generate additional traffic movements of a scale and type likely to cause undue problems or disturbance.
- The site is large enough to accommodate the necessary car parking, service areas and appropriate landscaped areas.
- They take account of the impact on the natural environment and overall wish to reduce carbon emissions.
- They are of a high standard of design and, by taking account of existing buildings and land use, are appropriate to the area in which it is to be located.
- They do not introduce buildings and structures into an area largely devoid of such constructions unless they are directly related to agriculture or forestry uses or are completely hidden from view.

All proposals should contribute to the protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the landscape and demonstrate that they are in keeping with the local vernacular in terms of scale, style features and building materials.





POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 8

ENCOURAGING TOURIST AND VISITOR FACILITIES

Proposals that contribute to and strengthen the visitor and tourist economy of Holme Valley will be encouraged. This includes the creation of new accommodation and tourism facilities through the conversion of existing buildings or associated with existing attractions.

All proposals must demonstrate how they meet the following criteria:

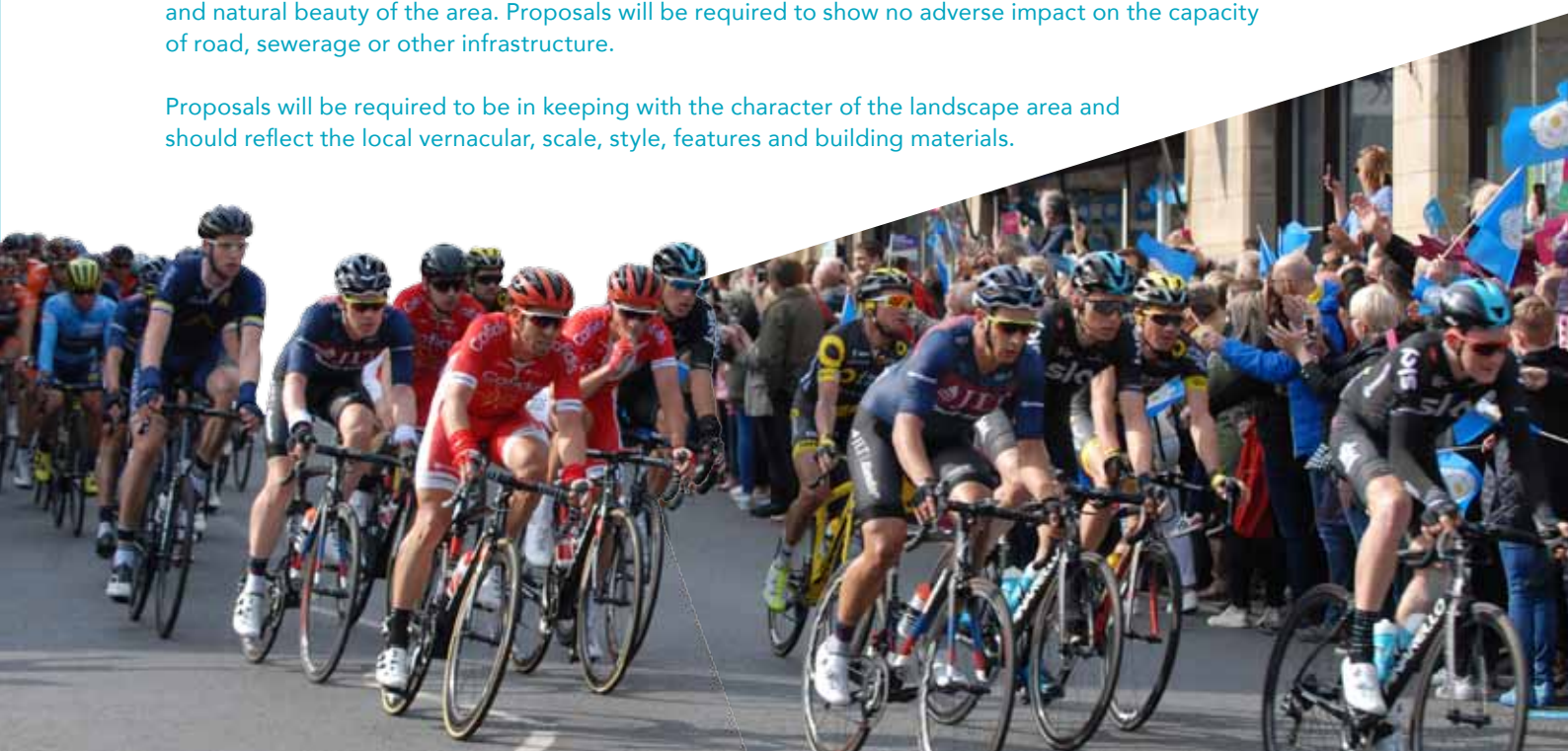
- The proposal must not conflict with other policies of this plan.
- The proposal must be physically well related to an existing main settlement or village or to an existing group of buildings, except where the proposed facilities are required in conjunction with a particular countryside attraction and there are no suitable existing buildings or developed sites available.
- The development should not undermine the character, quality or visual amenities of the plan area by virtue of its scale, siting, materials or design.
- The proposals should be well related to the existing highway network. It should not generate additional traffic movements of a scale and type likely to cause undue problems or disturbance. Where possible the proposals should be well related to the public transport network.
- The site should be large enough to accommodate the necessary car parking, service areas and appropriate landscaped areas.
- The proposal should display a high standard of design appropriate to the area.

The site should not introduce built development into an area largely devoid of structures (other than those directly related to agriculture or forestry uses).

New caravan, chalet, cabin or lodge style developments may be supported providing they are appropriately screened, contribute to the conservation of the landscape character and do not have a detrimental impact on the natural beauty of the area.

Proposals for development within existing caravan, camping or visitor accommodation sites should be within the screened footprint of an existing site, able to diversify the local offer and enhance the landscape character and natural beauty of the area. Proposals will be required to show no adverse impact on the capacity of road, sewerage or other infrastructure.

Proposals will be required to be in keeping with the character of the landscape area and should reflect the local vernacular, scale, style, features and building materials.



POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 9

FACILITATING DEVELOPMENT IN HOLMFIRTH, HONLEY AND OTHER LOCAL CENTRES

Within Holmfirth Town Centre and Honley District Centre, development for retail, leisure, office, commercial, cultural and tourism uses will be encouraged where they help enhance the viability and vibrancy of the centres. It should be noted that both centres contain conservation areas, so NDP Policy 2 should also be considered.

Development proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:

- For retail development, it should be located in one of the primary or secondary shopping areas.
- Where new shop fronts are proposed they are of good design and enhance local distinctiveness by ensuring that corporate branding is subordinate to the site and local surroundings.
- The re-use of upper floors for residential use and other uses will be encouraged.
- Distinctive and detailed features of buildings should be retained and enhanced.
- Business premises should have appropriate signage.
- Security should be well designed and seek to maintain a varied and interesting frontage, whilst at the same time providing appropriate security.

Development which involves the loss of existing commercial and community uses in District and Local Centres will only be supported where redevelopment does not prejudice the lawful operating conditions or viability of adjacent land uses, and either;

- It would resolve an existing conflict with adjoining residents or users, or
- It is demonstrated through comprehensive marketing of the premises/land for at least 12 months that the continued use of the premises/land for commercial use is not viable.

Within the primary shopping areas of Holmfirth Town Centre and Honley District Centre at least 70% of the existing stock of ground floor commercial space should remain in non-residential use. Proposals which lead to the permanent loss of commercial units should be supported by evidence to demonstrate that their continued commercial use is no longer viable, or that an alternative use would positively enhance the viability and vitality of the town centre.

Within other local centres, development for appropriate commercial and community uses will be considered acceptable in principle providing that it satisfies other policies elsewhere in the Plan, and;

- It is of an appropriate scale in relation to the centre, and
- It does not unreasonably harm the amenities of local or adjoining residents or users.



POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 10

PROTECTING LOCAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community facilities are defined as facilities which are of value to the local community and they will be protected and enhanced where possible.

For the purposes of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan this includes buildings and open spaces.

Examples of the types of building that fall under this category include, but are not limited to:

- Parks and Gardens
- Village Halls
- Churches
- Leisure facilities
- Market Halls
- Doctors Surgeries
- Recreation grounds and facilities
- Medical services
- Civic Halls
- Libraries
- Village Greens
- Community Centres
- Schools, colleges and adult education facilities

The development or change of use of the identified community facilities (and similar ones not listed) to non-community uses will not be supported unless it has been demonstrated that it is in accordance with relevant policies of the Kirklees Local Plan.

POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 11

PROTECTING LOCAL GREEN SPACE

The NDP will protect green spaces local people think are important in a similar way to green belt. This prevents new development which would impact adversely on the openness of these sites except in very special circumstances in accordance with Policy PLP62 of the Kirklees Local Plan.

The NPPF para.77 states that the designation of Local Green Space should only be used:

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves
- where the green area is demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field) tranquillity or the richness of its wildlife, and
- where the green space concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

We need your help to identify local green spaces and think examples could include: Cliff Recreation Ground and Magdale Fields. Can you suggest some others?

Kirklees have protected some green spaces as Urban Green Spaces in the Local Plan, details of which can be found on the Kirklees website. <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/local-plan-maps-2016.aspx>



POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 12

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The continuing provision of high quality primary education through the network of small community-based schools and secondary education through the existing comprehensive schools should be encouraged with any necessary expansion to provide additional space or facilities supported.

The use of schools as centres of extra-curricular learning for all through extended opening hours or community use of facilities in evenings and weekends will be supported.

The development of educational opportunities for all ages in the Valley including the retention of library services will be supported.

The expansion of health provision in the Valley using existing community facilities or new locations or technology will be supported.

Proposals to expand the provision of Forest Schools and open up areas of green space to make them accessible to all ages will be supported.



POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 13

IMPROVING TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Traffic Management & Design

Traffic management interventions in Holmfirth town centre should be managed on the basis of two principles:

- A hierarchal approach, with pedestrians and cyclists first, and motorised vehicle users second; and
- A reduction in the clutter of interventions, thereby improving the historic environment and public realm.

Public realm makes an important contribution to the character, appearance and setting of settlements within the Holme Valley. Where possible, the public realm should be improved to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike and should be an integral part of transport links through towns, settlements and villages. To ensure the balance is addressed between highway safety and highway dominance, and to ensure that the character of a place is maintained whilst still enabling a fit for purpose sustainable highway, the following principles should be applied:

- Understand the origins, development and local character of the place and materials;
- Reduce traffic dominance through surface treatment and layout;
- Reduce visual clutter;
- Reflect local details, character and materials in design;
- Maximise useable public space whilst accommodating vehicular movement;

- Assess the use of shared surfaces and flush crossing points;
- Introduce Access for All principles;
- Introduce Green Infrastructure into the public realm where appropriate;
- Protect key views and access to them;
- Street furniture should integrate with the streetscape and be a secondary visual feature, and be well placed and subtle in design;
- Signage and interpretation should be clear and visually unobtrusive;
- Lighting should utilise LED's, limit light pollution, be controllable and limit the use of columns;
- Highways design should be considered holistically to ensure the safety of road users and preserve the quality of place in each location; and
- Proposals to widen roads and provide new footways will only be supported when the utility of their provision is evidenced to avoid conflict with other objectives regarding the preservation of the Valley's distinctive characteristics. This includes consideration of the implications on existing verges, road surfaces (particularly setts) and stone walls.



The introduction of weight limits on roads or access only for HGVs on the main through routes in the Valley will be supported.

Road Safety

Transport plans for any new developments should recognise the topography of the Valley and consider all users of any new infrastructure (including horse riders, cyclists and walkers). The development of green lanes as shared spaces accommodating all road users will be encouraged on popular horse riding, walking and cycling routes.

Proposals to create 20mph speed limits in residential areas will be encouraged and supported.

Opportunities should be considered for shared use of road spaces rather than the assumption that pavements are appropriate for rural roads.

Accessibility

To promote accessibility and healthier lifestyles, in new developments, where appropriate, should seek to incorporate the following:

- Design features that promote walking and cycling, such as suitable siting of buildings and pedestrian and cyclist access points, including public transport;
- Clear signage to the existing cycle and footpath network;
- Provision of new links to the cycle and footpath network where possible to encourage access for non-car users;
- A holistic approach, including co-operation and active involvement of the Parish Council in creating links to key open spaces, green infrastructure, schools, community facilities and public transport; and
- Provision of suitable information on footpaths, cycleways and public transport within the site and their maintenance.

POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 14

IMPROVING PARKING, PUBLIC TRANSPORT & ACCESSIBILITY

Proposals to develop shared parking areas to reduce the amount of on-street parking will be supported when developed in a sympathetic way to the character of the location concerned.

Proposals to develop 'park and walk' or 'park and ride' facilities to access Holmfirth town centre or festivals / events in the Valley will be supported provided they mitigate any detrimental impact on the landscape through appropriate surfacing and screening as necessary.

Proposals to expand parking provision near Honley and Brockholes stations to enable more users to access the station would be welcomed, and any loss of parking land in these locations will not be supported.

The identification of rural school routes and quiet lanes with appropriate encouragement of slow traffic speeds, to allow safe walking and cycling routes to school will be supported.

Large new developments should consider opportunities to provide car share or car-pooling facilities.

POLICIES DRAFT POLICY 15

PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY

All new developments must prepare a sustainability statement which outlines how the development will consider and contribute to the following elements of sustainability to reduce their carbon footprint.

Promoting Renewable Energy

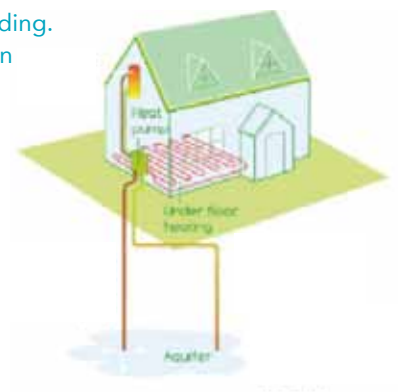
Proposals for individual and community scale energy from hydro-electric, solar photovoltaic panels, biomass, anaerobic digestion plants and ground source heating will be supported where they can be achieved without conflicting with the NDP policies to protect and enhance the landscape and built character of the Valley. Proposals for wind turbine development on the 'moorland' area as defined by AECOM, will be supported, provided potential harmful impacts are avoided and consultation with the local community is undertaken. New developments are encouraged to install district heating from renewable resources and will be expected to deliver an on-site heat network, unless it can be demonstrated this would render the development unviable.

Energy Efficiency

All new non-residential buildings should achieve a BREEAM rating of excellent or outstanding. All new buildings should aim to meet a high level of sustainability, design and construction and be optimised for energy efficiency, targeting zero carbon emissions.

This might include:

- Orientation to optimise passive solar gain;
- Use of high quality, thermally efficient building materials;
- Installation of loft and wall insulation and double/triple glazing;
- On site energy generation from renewable resources.





It is recommended that all new buildings should seek to secure at least 50% of total energy from renewable sources. Retrofitting of older properties should be undertaken to reduce energy demand and to generate renewable energy where possible, and alterations to existing properties must be designed to reduce energy demand and comply with sustainable design and construction.

Sustainable Transport

New development must integrate with the current footpaths, cycle routes and public transport routes. Existing footpaths and cycleways should be maintained and extended where possible.

Opportunities to reduce traffic in town and village centres must be explored to improve air quality and health. Planning permission should be granted for homes that integrate working facilities to encourage micro businesses to develop from homes and reduce vehicle movements to places of work.

Proposals to increase the use of shared cars, buses, trains and cycling will be supported. Infrastructure to enable the increased use of electric vehicles will be supported.

Flooding & Extreme Weather

New development should not be allowed in areas of flood risk without comprehensive design and mitigation measures provided before consideration of any development in these areas. Sustainable drainage must be incorporated in new developments to increase recharge of groundwater, reduce run off and reduce levels of water treatment.

Rainwater harvesting will be encouraged in old and new build. Front gardens must not be hard covered, and any cover should be of a permeable design to allow water to drain away slowly rather than run-off.

Planting of native trees on hillsides, street planting and green roofs on buildings will be encouraged to reduce flash flooding risks and increase health. Any large extensive planting schemes and their likely impact on the views valued by residents must include effective consultation with the local community.

Sustainable Living

The creation of community gardens and further allotments space in the Valley for local food growing will be supported. The expansion of urban gardening for sustainable food is supported, as is the further development of the HoTT Edible approach to the use of 'communal' growing land.

Proposals to increase the level of recycling of waste will be encouraged and new retail developments must demonstrate how they will manage and reduce their waste. These should include proposals to reduce the use of single use plastics and support the principle of plastic free living. Proposals to increase the usage of local shops and the purchase of locally produced food will be encouraged to reduce consumer vehicle miles and carbon emissions.

Encourage awareness of a sustainable way of life and the purchase of goods which will last for life, and discourage a throwaway society through effective design, appropriate waste management facilities and education initiatives.

Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity

Proposals to reduce garden space and convert it to hard cover will be resisted unless adequate mitigations are put in place. Tree planting is encouraged and protecting existing trees through Tree Preservation Orders particularly within conservation areas should be enforced. Existing green infrastructure should not be compromised by new development and proposals to enhance access, particularly to the River Holme for leisure activities, will be supported.

Water spaces such as mill ponds must be retained to preserve and enhance biodiversity, and streams and rivers should not be culverted as this decreases biodiversity.

POLICIES DRAFT POLICY

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FOCUSING DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS ON LOCAL PRIORITIES

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Holme Valley civil parish will receive a share of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) imposed on most new developments, once the Neighbourhood Plan has been successful at referendum and adopted by Kirklees Council.

Once the Kirklees CIL is in place, as part of the Local Plan, as a minimum the Holme Valley will get a 15% share of the levy from local developments (capped at £100 per household) but on completion and adoption of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan, the Valley will get 25% of the levy without a cap.

Through the Kirklees CIL there will be guidelines on what the Parish Council can spend the money on, but Central Government have always said they do not want to be overly restrictive. The aim of the CIL is to secure local funding to support what is needed to address the demands of development on a local area. This might be improving infrastructure and it is a great opportunity to secure money to help make the community more attractive for everyone.

For additional information, these are some of the projects implemented by other Local Councils with CIL funding:

- Re-roof a village hall
- Refurbish a municipal swimming pool
- Take over a community public house
- Flood prevention project
- Saving public toilets from closure
- Providing youth facilities
- Supporting community centres
- Providing a new park/play equipment

Developers will be required to support community projects to offset the impacts of development in the Valley. Priority will be given by the Parish Council, for funds they receive through the neighbourhood funding element of community resources arising from development, to proposals by the community.

Please let us know your preferences for what this funding could be spent on by ranking your top 5 priorities when completing the questionnaire.



THANK YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS

Thank you for taking the time to read this document: please give us your views by completing the questionnaire by 27th July 2018.

The easiest way to do this is online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/holmevalleyndp>.

However, if you would prefer to submit a paper reply, please deposit your completed questionnaire at Holmfirth or Honley libraries or Holme Valley Parish Council, Holmfirth Civic Hall, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS.

If you would like to read the Neighbourhood Development Plan in full, find out more details about the neighbourhood planning process or request assistance in viewing the document in an accessible format, please visit the Parish Council website at: www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np/





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