

# YOUR VALLEY YOUR VOTE!

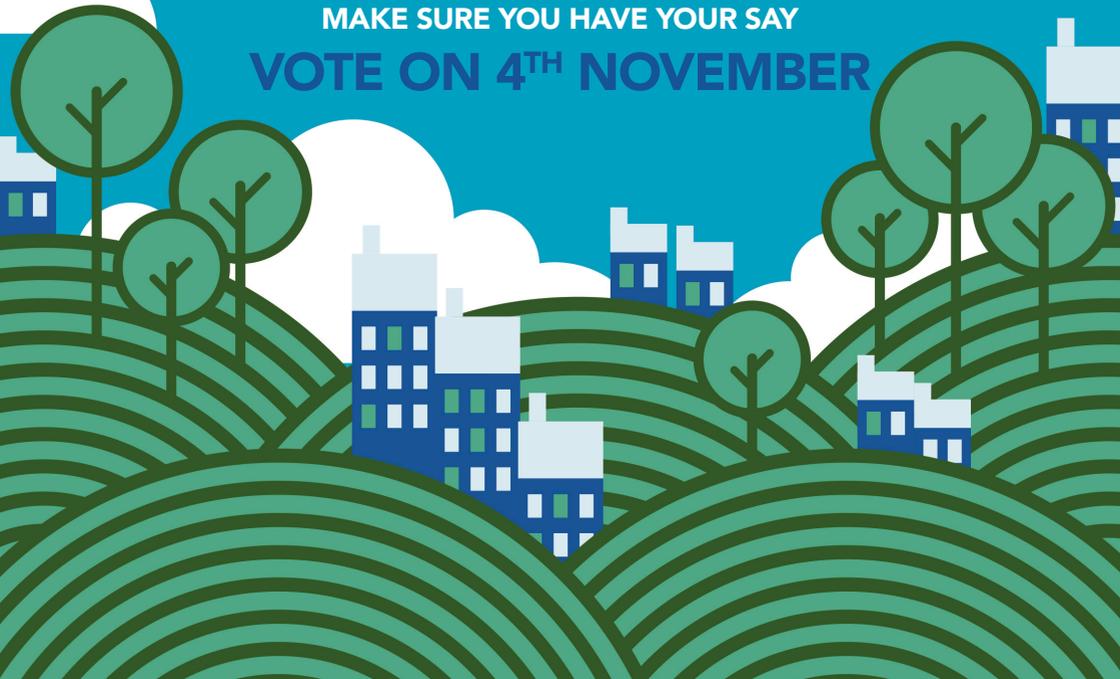
**Vote in the Referendum on Thursday 4th November 2021  
to decide whether to adopt the  
Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**

The NDP is a set of planning policies, devised by local people, to ensure that new developments are appropriate for the area.



**If adopted, Kirklees Council & the Peak District National  
Park Authority will use the NDP when making decisions  
on planning applications in the Holme Valley.**

**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR SAY  
VOTE ON 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**



## WHAT IS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN?

**The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) gives local people more say in how development should take place in the Holme Valley. It contains planning policies written specifically for the area by those who live and work in it, allowing communities to shape local development.**

NDPs were created by the Localism Act 2011. Work on the Holme Valley NDP started in 2016 and has gone through several stages. The public referendum on whether to adopt the NDP is the final stage.

## WHAT DOES IT CONTAIN?

The NDP contains 13 planning policies, which provide specific detailed requirements for developers and those preparing planning proposals in the Holme Valley. If adopted, NDP requirements would be considered alongside the framework of the Kirklees Local Plan. The NDP policies include a strong focus on the protection and enhancement of the built and landscape character, as well as promoting high quality shop fronts, public spaces and community facilities. Addressing climate change and sustainability feature highly in the policies and four Local Green Spaces in Scholes, Wooldale and Hade Edge are also given additional protection from development.

The planning policies are designed to support 8 key objectives, which seek to deliver the following vision:

***The Holme Valley of the future will continue to be a beautiful rural landscape offering safe environments for wildlife and a place where its culture, heritage and splendour are celebrated by 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.***

## HOW HAS IT BEEN CREATED?

The NDP is a comprehensive and detailed policy document that has been created over the last five years by our community for our community. Since its formation in 2016, the Steering Group of parish councillors and community group representatives has developed this plan from extensive research, community consultation and specialist expertise. Following consultation on community priorities in 2017, a proposed vision, objectives and planning policies was outlined in the 'Your Valley, Your Voice' consultation in 2018. Technical advice was sought to identify the Valley's unique landscape and heritage as well as review the environmental impact of the draft NDP, which was reviewed and updated following further consultation in 2019.

Extensive justification is required for each policy along with thorough consideration of all feedback from the local community, expert and statutory consultees. The NDP was formally submitted to Kirklees Council and the Peak District National Park Authority in 2020. Delayed by COVID, the NDP then underwent a review by an Independent Examiner in 2021. The Examiner reviewed all our evidence and representations received from the public and our local planning authorities. He instructed us to make modifications tightening up our policies and adding more specific detail about the local character of each part of the Holme Valley. This has created a clearer and more robust plan which, if adopted, will ensure that local priorities are considered in future planning decisions in the Holme Valley.

## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

The NDP is written specifically for the Holme Valley and adds detail and clarity about the local area, which will help inform decisions on planning applications and any conditions placed on those that are approved. Planning officers within Kirklees Council and the Peak District National Park Authority will have to consider the NDP policies when making their decisions. The NDP will therefore influence the design, sustainability, location and size of future development in the Holme Valley.

## WHAT ARE THE POLICIES?

**The NDP has 13 planning policies which will guide future development:**

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

Policy 2: Protecting and enhancing the built character and conservation areas of the Holme Valley and promoting high quality design

Policy 3: Conserving and enhancing local heritage assets

Policy 4: Design Codes for high quality shop fronts and advertisements

Policy 5: Promoting high quality public realm and improvements to gateways and highways

Policy 6: Building homes for the future

Policy 7: Supporting economic activity

Policy 8: Facilitating development in Holmfirth, Honley and other local centres

Policy 9: Protecting and enhancing local community facilities

Policy 10: Protecting local green space

Policy 11: Improving transport, accessibility and local infrastructure

Policy 12: Promoting sustainability

Policy 13: Protecting wildlife and securing biodiversity net gain

## HOW TO I FIND OUT MORE?

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is available to view on our website:

**[www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

Printed copies can be viewed in Holmfirth and Honley Libraries. Our website provides all the background to the plan as well as supporting documentation, consultation materials, feedback and the report from the Independent Planning Examiner.



**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON  
4TH NOVEMBER 2021**



**This is your chance to decide whether the policies of the  
Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan will be  
used in future planning decisions.**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY**

**THANK YOU**

