

Summary Results from Your Valley Your Voice Public Questionnaire on the Draft Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

This document collates the key results and themes from the public consultation which took place from 11th June – 27th July 2018.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group read every comment received and through analysing all the results, the key themes are captured with proposed changes to the draft plan wording proposed. This feedback will then be reviewed alongside the comprehensive feedback from Kirklees Council to enable a full review of the draft plan ready for its further formal consultation under Regulation 14.

Background to the Consultation

The consultation document consisted of a summary booklet outlining the purpose of a NDP and detailing the vision, objectives and policies of the draft plan. It provided website links to the full draft plan and highlighted that this was available for review in Holmfirth library, Honley library and the Parish Council offices. It was delivered to all residential addresses within the Holme Valley (12,115 properties) and all business addresses with additional copies distributed to local cafes, churches, doctor's surgeries and through the community groups represented on the Steering Group. Publicity was done through social media, the Parish Council website and the monthly local free paper, the Holme Valley Review.

Recipients of the booklet were invited to complete a questionnaire giving their views on the vision, objectives and policies stating in turn whether they agreed with them and asking for any suggestions for improvements. There was also a free text 'any other comments' section so local people could express their general views on the NDP or elaborate further on particular policies of interest. The question about Local Green Space asked for suggestions of green spaces which local people believed needed protection and all the suggestions were then collated into a list for review and consideration. Respondents were also asked to select their top 5 priorities for focusing funding received through the Community Infrastructure Levy. These were collated and the broad themes outlined in these summary results.

The questionnaire could either be completed on-line or in hard-copy which could then be deposited in Holmfirth library, Honley library or the Parish Council offices. These completed questionnaires were then inputted into the electronic questionnaire system (Survey Monkey) so all the results both electronic and hard copy could be analysed together.

All responses were anonymous and if people added their contact details into the free text, these were not inputted into the system so views and comments given cannot be individually identified.

Participation in the Consultation

Completed questionnaires were received from 409 different people.

In addition, general responses were also received from the following groups, organisations and businesses:

- Holme Valley South Labour Party
- Holmfirth Transition Town
- Peak District National Park
- Historic England
- Holme Valley South Kirklees Ward Councillors
- Scholes Future Group
- Gladman Developments Limited
- Kirklees Local Authority

The responses from Kirklees were comprehensive and detailed concerning technical wording for the various policies so these are not outlined in this summary document but the key themes are captured at the end. The Kirklees' concerns were reviewed by the NDP planning consultant Kirkwells to ensure that the appropriate links to the current Kirklees Local Plan are updated correctly and professional advice on the application of Kirklees' suggestions is considered in full prior to the plan being updated ready for Regulation 14 consultation. A meeting was held with Kirklees officers on 9th November to discuss the feedback received and the broad content of the plan so the informal comments have been reflected in the latest version of the plan.

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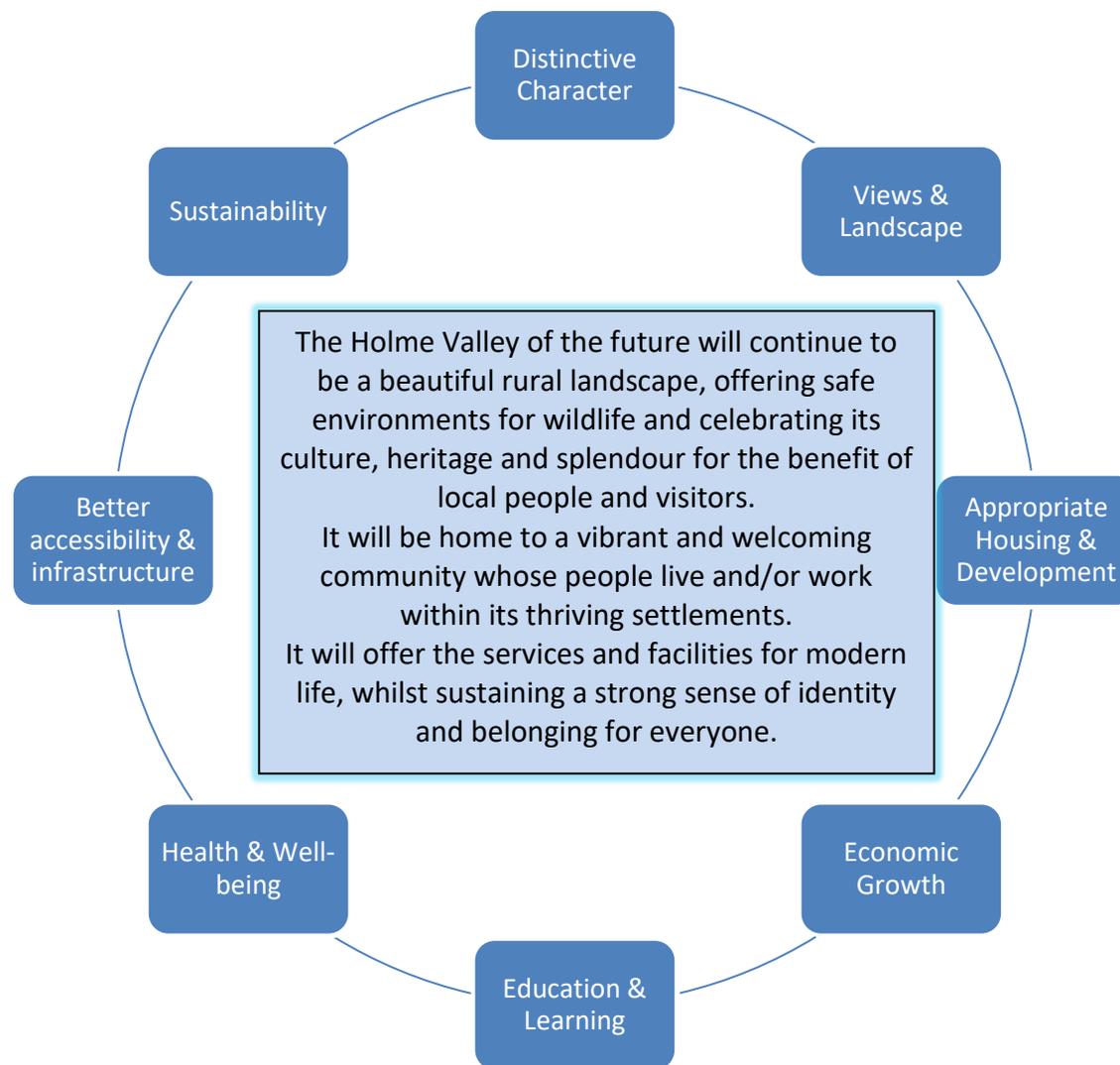
Overall results

The summary of results is given below and the support for the proposed policies is very clear. There were no requests for additional policies although on the basis of some feedback, the Steering Group considered and agreed to merge some policies. The number of comments given has been listed as this gives an indication of the areas where people had the most views on what was proposed. It is clear that building homes for the future and improving traffic and transport infrastructure address issues of significant local interest.

Policy	% support	Number of comments
Vision and objectives	94	108
1 – Protecting & Enhancing the landscape character of the HV	97	93
2 - Protecting and enhancing the built character and conservation areas of the Holme Valley	97	87
3 - Conserving and enhancing non designated heritage assets	97	63
4 - Encouraging high quality design in new development	96	114
5 - Promoting high quality shop fronts, advertisements & public realm	96	120
6 - Building homes for the future	88	198
7 - Supporting small business generation	96	89
8 - Encouraging tourist & visitor facilities	94	122
9 - Facilitating development in Holmfirth, Honley and other local centres	94	105
10 - Protecting local community facilities	97	92
11 - Protecting Local Green Space	99	155
12 - Supporting community based education, health & wellbeing	98	89
13 - Improving traffic & transport Infrastructure	91	202
14 - Improving parking, public transport & accessibility	96	152
15 - Promoting sustainability	97	77
16 - Focusing developer contributions on local priorities	N/A	391

The detailed feedback in terms of key themes, example quotes and proposed changes to the policies follow in the following pages. **How the feedback has been incorporated to update the Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Plan is given in red text referencing where policy numbers and content have been amended for ease of reference.**

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Vision & Objectives	94%	108	<p>Relationship with Kirklees</p> <p>Affordability of housing</p> <p>Need for SMART objectives</p> <p>Uniqueness of the Holme Valley</p> <p>Need to reflect arts & culture</p> <p>Challenge of balancing heritage with development</p> <p>Infrastructure required to support development</p>	<p><i>“Too generic: needs to be relevant to the Holme Valley. What about heritage...arts and artisan...geography?”</i></p> <p><i>“We must ensure infrastructure is catered for appropriately when new building work is happening in such a dense area...the volume of traffic now on the roads is too much for our local infrastructure to accommodate!”</i></p> <p><i>“Think it is a very well thought out vision: simple and easy to understand”</i></p> <p><i>“But what say have you got over Kirklees?”</i></p> <p><i>“I think there is too much focus on preservation and not on need”</i></p>	<p>In Vision, add ‘culture’ in first line before ‘heritage’.</p> <p>Combine accessibility objective with infrastructure and movement.</p> <p>Remove numbers from full list of objectives & create summary in different format to ensure all are seen as equally important (suggested format given below)</p> <p>All these changes are reflected in the Regulation 14 Draft Plan.</p>



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<p>1 – Protecting & Enhancing the landscape character of the HV</p>	97%	93	<p>Concern over merging of settlements</p> <p>Caution against too much wind turbine development</p> <p>Need to value views and green space</p> <p>Use of brownfield sites and protection of greenfield</p>	<p><i>The visual amenity of the green pockets of hillside, mature trees and rivers Holme and Ribble are intrinsically part of the Holme Valley</i></p> <p><i>More native trees should be planted to achieve this (policy)</i></p> <p><i>This should be about being wildlife friendly as well as views – agree with this particularly</i></p> <p><i>I would love to see more 'Arty' village signs rather than the boring municipal ones. In many areas of England the rural signs reflect the individual character of the villages.</i></p> <p><i>We all enjoy the local landscape and take it for granted. We need to realise it needs protecting.</i></p> <p><i>I fully support the initiative for keeping the villages separate</i></p> <p><i>Have a rolling programme to repair the crumbling dry stone walls.</i></p> <p><i>Wherever possible improve the access for people with disabilities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insert references to up to date Peak Park publications in section 2.4 & PDNP in section 4.0 to read: <i>The following sections of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan contain the policies applied by Kirklees Council and the Peak District National Park Authority in the consideration of any planning application submitted within that authority's part of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Area.</i> - Re-word first sentence of policy section 14 to read: <i>New developments will be required to demonstrate designs which deliver high quality green infrastructure(continue as original)</i> <p>These changes are reflected in the Regulation 14 Draft Plan and captured in Policy 1: Protecting and enhancing the Landscape character of the Holme Valley'</p>

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2 - Protecting and enhancing the built character and conservation areas of the Holme Valley	97%	87	<p>Need to provide design advice</p> <p>Enforcement of rules required</p> <p>Use more conservation areas</p> <p>Infrastructure and access important</p> <p>Consider off-road parking</p> <p>Need to look to the future, not just be stuck in the past</p> <p>Use local materials</p>	<p><i>Perhaps a design and planning booklet could be used for ideas and suggestions for Policy 2</i></p> <p><i>Sounds like we're against new, innovative, modern building material and techniques? The new can sit harmoniously with the old</i></p> <p><i>Am concerned that we move on rather than strive to recreate the past.</i></p> <p><i>Building between the villages should be limited to ensure the identity and character of the villages e.g. between Totties and Scholes.</i></p> <p><i>Although it is vital to preserve the existing character, the valley must not be 'preserved in aspic' – contemporary designs are to be encouraged outside the conservation areas.</i></p> <p><i>As long as it includes industrial heritage.</i></p> <p><i>I think that the area should protect and list more of its beautiful</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy 1, add another bullet point 'd' to read: <i>Ensure that proposals maintain and re-enforce local distinctiveness and conserve significance of designated and non-designated heritage assets in line with Kirklees Local Plan Policy 35.3a</i> Wording changed to include distinctiveness but not as above as repetitive and whole policy reviewed to avoid duplication in Regulation 14 plan. - Policy 2 is 'Protecting and Enhancing the Built Character and Conservation Areas of the Holme Valley and Promoting High Quality Design' as it now includes design elements previously shown in policy 4. - Policy bullet point 2, add 'streetscape' to read: <i>Proposals for new development and alterations to existing buildings will be required to demonstrate careful consideration of any potential impact on local built character, streetscape, conservation areas or other</i> - Parish Actions number 1: Add "This applies to both new build and renovation projects". - Update any references within the NDP to state Historic England, not English Heritage. - Include Historic England suggestion re Holmfirth Conservation Area in section

				<p><i>buildings , from cottages to barns and public buildings</i></p> <p><i>We don't want Holmfirth to become a twee 'heritage' place, but new builds should be as far as possible in keeping with the existing aesthetic</i></p> <p><i>There are many instances where Kirklees have failed to act when their attention is brought to a violation. I'd like to see the Parish Council take control with community support.</i></p>	<p>4.3.15 so it reads:</p> <p><i>A Conservation Area Appraisal has been prepared by a local voluntary group, Holmfirth Conservation Group. Endorsed by Historic England and shared with Kirklees, its key conclusions are outlined below: It identified six character areas within its boundary. New Town, Old Town, Hightown, St. John's, Riverside and Cliff.</i></p> <p><i>Special characteristics were identified in each area:</i></p> <p><i>New Town : the riverside walk with bird-life and Holmside gardens</i></p> <p><i>Old Town : historic core, oldest buildings, weavers windows and stone-setted tracks</i></p> <p><i>Hightown : terraced houses with stone-arched ginnels and some of the best views of Holmfirth</i></p> <p><i>St John's : imposing houses, views to the moors</i></p> <p><i>Riverside : last remaining mill pond, historic Upperbridge, tall 4 storey under and over houses</i></p> <p><i>Cliff : significant buildings e.g. Druids Hall, Bamforth's, railway station</i></p> <p><i>Holmfirth has been a Conservation Area since 1972 and is described by Historic England as being 'at risk'. A Management Plan is needed to address the issues in the Conservation Area, and to create an environment which will attract new businesses, residents, shoppers and tourists.</i></p> <p><i>The main issues in Holmfirth, derived from the analysis of this Appraisal ,lie in the following areas:</i></p> <p>Open Spaces, Natural Environment and Views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Maintaining the walls and paths</i> <i>• Improve access to the parks, graveyards and river</i>
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve provision of amenities • Maintenance of trees and increase variety of species • Consideration of succession tree planting <p>Existing Buildings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining the historic features of heritage assets, Listed Buildings, Key Buildings (referred to as non-designated assets in this document) and other positive buildings • Resisting the erosion of character through the cumulative effect of small-scale change • Kirklees to use existing legislation more often, and more rigorously, to protect Listed Buildings and the fabric of the Conservation Area • Maintaining and enhancing traditional shopfronts • Strengthening controls over advertising in shop windows, fascia boards, shop lighting, security shutters and 'A'-boards • Encouraging reinstatement of original architectural design features <p>New Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking consideration of the duty to preserve and enhance character of the Conservation Area • Complement the scale and form of neighbouring buildings • Making use of locally sourced natural sandstone <p>The Riverside:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the views • Enhance and improve access to the river • Removal or control of invasive species in the river, along its banks and adjoining structures • Improving the style, materials and painting of the footbridges
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					<p>Public Realm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maintain the stone steps, setts and flags</i> • <i>Maintenance of pavements and kerbs, to use stone and setts as appropriate</i> • <i>Reduce and standardise street signage</i> • <i>Coordinate street furniture, including streetlights, seating, railings and litter bins</i> • <i>Lack of streetscape manual</i> • <i>Maintain stone retaining walls and boundary walls</i> • <i>Minimise parking in the main streets and particularly in narrow streets</i> • <i>Reduce impact of traffic on buildings and environment in the Holmfirth Conservation Area</i> • <i>Find suitable locations for commercial bins</i> • <i>Remove overhead wires</i> • <i>Improve provision for community noticeboards</i> • <i>Preserve the spectacular views and vistas of Holmfirth</i> <p><i>It is important that these issues are taken forward into a Conservation Area Management Plan for Holmfirth</i></p> <p>- Add in section 4.3.47,Holme Conservation Area Appraisal <i>and the Holmfirth Area Conservation Appraisal (compiled by the volunteer group in 2018) have been used</i></p> <p>These changes are reflected in the Regulation 14 Draft Plan.</p>
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3 - Conserving and enhancing non designated heritage assets	97%	63	<p>Poor understanding of what a non-designated heritage asset is: request for definition and list</p> <p>Need to define and justify why these are special and not block progress</p>	<p><i>Non-designated heritage assets need to be specified and, where appropriate, upgraded to designated heritage asset status.</i></p> <p><i>Have these been surveyed and identified?</i></p> <p><i>Can we presume that a 'heritage asset' is also a greenfield, woodland or other existing open space?</i></p> <p><i>Designate heritage assets provide the necessary link to our past. Where conservation of non-designated heritage asset is considered essential, we should seek to have it designated to ensure long-term protection. Remaining non-designated heritage assets will then be non-designated for a good reason, so should not be prioritised over the needs of local people for affordable, sustainable housing and employment.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Merge with policy 2 unless this reduces the impact of the policy. Since non-designated heritage assets are effectively part of conserving the built heritage, suggest they are reflected in policy 2 instead. However, the principles were strongly supported so must not lose the spirit of the policy. <p>Following review with Kirkwells, policies not merged but wording revised and candidate list of non-designated heritage assets prepared and provided in the Appendix. This policy remains Policy 3 'Conserving and enhancing local non-designated heritage assets'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rename sections 4.3 and 4.4 to make clearer what applies to all built character, what applies to Conservation areas and what applied to non-designated heritage assets. Flow of this section needs revision if only one policy at end. <p>Following review with Kirkwells, policies revised slightly to make clear where conservation area relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retain Parish Actions at end of policy 3 but make it part of policy 2 actions. <p>Not required as policies not merged.</p>

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4 - Encouraging high quality design in new development	96%	114	<p>Need for affordability</p> <p>Challenge of making sustainable housing</p> <p>Need to link new developments into effective and sufficient infrastructure</p> <p>Extensions should not have to be small: large ones can be equally acceptable if done in the right way</p> <p>Need to balance new modern design with old traditional ones</p>	<p><i>Good quality design with traditional dwellings.</i></p> <p><i>Why should extensions be 'small and subordinate' to the original building? Some extensions can totally dramatically enhance a building if carried out sensitively and creatively. Good, high quality interesting modern design can sit comfortably with old.</i></p> <p><i>Currently, the scale of development is far too great, overwhelming villages and causing traffic problems.</i></p> <p><i>Agree it should explicitly encourage environmentally friendly design and energy efficiency.</i></p> <p><i>Use of renewable technologies to be encouraged but not compulsory, taking a practical and affordable approach.</i></p> <p><i>Needs to stress the importance of having sufficient affordable housing as well as housing suitable for an aging community.</i></p>	<p>After discussion with Kirkwells, this policy has been deleted and all criteria either moved to other policies (eg Policy 1, 2 or 15) or removed as duplication. Changes below are reflected in the re-worded policies for Regulation 14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reword bullet point 1 to read: Ensuring new development is of a high quality sustainable design and 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 wider landscape views. - Reword bullet point 2 to read: 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 comprehensive design and access statements. - Reword bullet point 3 to read: Where planning permission is required, building extensions should reflect the style and materials of the original building. - Reword bullet point 4 to read: New buildings must follow a consistent design approach in the use of materials, to windows and

					<p>other openings and the building’s roofline. Materials must be chosen to complement the design of the development and add to the quality and character of the surrounding environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reword bullet point 8 to read: Installing renewable technologies (e.g. solar, geothermal) as an integral part of the building design. - Reword bullet point 10 to read: Ensuring drainage schemes and permeable hard surfacing are sustainable. - Reword bullet point 11 to read: Ensuring surface water is retained on the development and the risk of run-off minimised by the inclusions of SUDS, grey water harvesting or water attenuation facilities such as lagoons, ponds and swales. - Reword bullet point 12 to read: Encouraging the sustainable design of building roofs such as use of “green”, “living” and “blue roofs” to reduce surface water runoff and maximise reuse of rain or grey water.
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5 - Promoting high quality shop fronts, advertisements & public realm	96%	120	<p>Rents should not be pushed up</p> <p>Need rules over appropriate signage</p> <p>Challenge of litter and trade waste bins</p> <p>Support for both variety and consistency / restrictions on appearance of shops</p> <p>Need for better disabled access</p>	<p><i>What are high quality shop fronts and their cost? I like the variety in Holmfirth!</i></p> <p><i>We need policy guidelines stating what is acceptable. These must be practical and realistic for people with limited budgets.</i></p> <p><i>Suggest a limited quiet colour palette of eg. Farrow and Ball type colours for shop frontages. Some nearby towns such as Uppermill and also small towns eg in the Yorkshire Dales or the Cotswolds have managed to create a cohesive and pleasing town centre by limiting colour choices and styles so frontages complement each other.</i></p> <p><i>Also bring their rates down so we can have decent shops.</i></p> <p><i>Too subjective, Holme Valley does not want to be twee North Yorkshire, it is gritty West Yorkshire</i></p> <p><i>Reference to incorporating provisions for disabled access</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reword bullet point 5 to read: Refuse collection should be considered with any new proposals for business or retail facilities and provision should be made by the retail facility for trade waste bins off the public highway or pavements. - Add bullet point 9 to read: Retail premises should strive to accommodate disabled access. <p>These changes are reflected in the Regulation 14 Draft Plan and the Policy is now Policy 4 entitled 'Promoting High Quality Shopfronts and Advertisements'. The public realm element has been moved to a separate new policy: Policy 5 entitled 'Promoting High Quality Public Realm'.</p>

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6 - Building homes for the future	88%	198	<p>Resistance to more house building</p> <p>Need for affordability and understanding of what that means locally.</p> <p>Requirement for houses to accommodating down-sizing.</p> <p>Suitable infrastructure and parking provision required.</p> <p>Mix of sizes and tenures required.</p> <p>Request to use empty houses.</p>	<p><i>I think the Holme Valley is saturated.</i></p> <p><i>There is already far too much house building in progress, very little of any quality or low cost.</i></p> <p><i>The Holme Valley needs small more affordable homes to encourage young people to remain in the area, and for older people to downsize to once their families have left home.</i></p> <p><i>Infrastructure can't cope.</i></p> <p><i>More homes are needed and are desirable but we want good quality houses that enhance the area.</i></p> <p><i>We need more homes with adequate off-road parking.</i></p> <p><i>Current significant shortage of affordable housing.</i></p> <p><i>A mixture of sizes from one bedroom to many bedrooms on one development site seems a very good idea. Too many current developments seem to ignore first time buyers and those on lower</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amend opening statement in policy to read: All housing developments should consider local expectations of its location, density and type. All developers are recommended to undertake a public consultation with local residents. - Reword bullet point 1 to read: Brownfield sites should be priority sites for residential use 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. - Reword bullet point 2 to read: Mill buildings are heritage assets, and where unused, should be converted to low cost housing and apartments. 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. - Reword bullet point 9 to read: Wherever possible and where demand is demonstrable, development of properties which low income families can afford to buy or rent, should receive sympathetic consideration. Proposals will be expected to demonstrate that densities make best and efficient use of land whilst reflecting local settlement character.

				<p>incomes.</p> <p><i>Priority should be to get uninhabited homes in the valley lived in... these areas of the valley should be utilised before exploiting more green spaces.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delete bullet point 10 - Provide a definition of 'affordable housing' - Add NPPF definition to an appendix ie <p>Affordable housing: housing for sale or rent, for those whose needs are not met by the market (including housing that provides a subsidised route to home ownership and/or is for essential local workers); and which complies with one or more of the following definitions:</p> <p>a) Affordable housing for rent: meets all of the following conditions: (a) the rent is set in accordance with the Government's rent policy for Social Rent or Affordable Rent, or is at least 20% below local market rents (including service charges where applicable); (b) the landlord is a registered provider, except where it is included as part of a Build to Rent scheme (in which case the landlord need not be a registered provider); and (c) it includes provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households, or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision. For Build to Rent schemes affordable housing for rent is expected to be the normal form of affordable housing provision (and, in this context, is known as Affordable Private Rent).</p> <p>b) Starter homes: is as specified in Sections 2 and 3 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and any secondary legislation made under these sections. The definition of a starter home should reflect the meaning set out in statute and any such secondary legislation at the time of plan-preparation or</p>
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					<p>decision-making. Where secondary legislation has the effect of limiting a household’s eligibility to purchase a starter home to those with a particular maximum level of household income, those restrictions should be used.</p> <p>c) Discounted market sales housing: is that sold at a discount of at least 20% below local market value. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. Provisions should be in place to ensure housing remains at a discount for future eligible households.</p> <p>d) Other affordable routes to home ownership: is housing provided for sale that provides a route to ownership for those who could not achieve home ownership through the market. It includes shared ownership, relevant equity loans, other low cost homes for sale (at a price equivalent to at least 20% below local market value) and rent to buy (which includes a period of intermediate rent). Where public grant funding is provided, there should be provisions for the homes to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households, or for any receipts to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision, or refunded to Government or the relevant authority specified in the funding agreement.</p> <p>Following Kirkwells advice and the feedback from Kirklees, this policy has been reworded accordingly and remains Policy 6: Building Homes for the Future. It reflects the issues above and includes an Appendix defining affordable housing in the Regulation 14 Draft.</p>
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7 - Supporting small business generation	96%	89	<p>Need for affordable rents.</p> <p>Desire for more small businesses and reduction in business rates.</p> <p>Request for 'proper' shops and resistance to charity shops.</p> <p>Challenges of home-working and need for local employers.</p> <p>Need for parking for local workers.</p>	<p><i>"Affordable units appropriate and convenient for local specialities– leather work, forges, jewellers as well as baker, butcher and grocery stores eg health food shops"</i></p> <p><i>"I welcome all opportunities to expand local employment as a means of reducing sustainable levels of commuting and as a way to encourage young people to stay in the local area"</i></p> <p><i>"Agree with the philosophy but local businesses might need new and innovative buildings"</i></p> <p><i>"All development should take into account the impact on local residents through e.g. additional traffic, noise and light pollution, disruption of daily life, spoiling views and peace and quiet integral to the rural nature of existing settlements"</i></p> <p><i>"We need local skills to survive like farming or local construction methods (i.e. dry walling, sustainable forestry for instance). But we could also easily</i></p>	<p>- Re-word first paragraph of policy to read: Proposals will be supported which result in the creation or sustainable expansion of existing and new businesses particularly those defined as micro or small (i.e. sole traders or those with less than ten or fifty employees respectively) in all sectors within the designated area as they are known to be the drivers of local employment and economic growth, subject to the following criteria being met:</p> <p>- Re-word bullet point 1 to read: The business is located on a site within the built-up areas of Honley, Holmfirth or a smaller rural settlement, a brownfield (particularly old mill or factory) site, 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</p> <p>- Re-word main paragraph commencing 'The Parish Council to read: 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. Consideration will be given to the impact such developments are likely to have on traffic volumes in the immediate area and the demand for car parking</p>

				<p><i>accommodate “Digital” companies into the area to enhance employment opportunities. They can quite easily adapt to a good, desirable working environment i.e. take some of the old derelict buildings and create “digital” centres where people want to work in beautiful surroundings”</i></p> <p><i>Holmfirth needs more ‘proper’ shops – not charity shops and cafes. How could this be encouraged?</i></p> <p><i>Don’t like support of ‘home-working’. This can involve delivery and despatch vehicles if people are selling out of their garage, cars parked on road if they employ people and many to not pay business rates.</i></p>	<p>and 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-word bullet point (a) to read: <p>They are physically well related to an existing main settlement or village, to an existing group of buildings or main road, 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-word bullet point (e) to read: <p>They have regard to any adverse impact on the natural environment and overall commitment to the reduction of carbon emissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-word bullet point (f) to read: <p>They are of a high standard of design and, by considering the features of existing buildings and land use, are appropriate to the nature of the area in which it is to be located.</p> <p><i>Following Kirkwells advice and the feedback from Kirklees, this policy has been reworded accordingly and re-titled as Policy 7: Supporting Business Generation. It reflects the issues raised above but not using the exact terminology proposed.</i></p>
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8 - Encouraging tourist & visitor facilities	94%	122	<p>Support for better footpaths / walking facilities.</p> <p>Support for good toilets.</p> <p>Challenge of traffic / busy streets so both support and opposition to more tourists.</p> <p>Importance of visitor information highlighted and appropriate signage and maps.</p>	<p><i>“Tourists generate money which finances other facilities”</i></p> <p><i>“Tourists need good toilets”</i></p> <p><i>“Better public parking and public transport to encourage visitors”</i></p> <p><i>“Improvement of signage, stiles etc on footpaths around the Valley”</i></p> <p><i>“Tourist/visitor locations should also enable electric vehicle charging . Free WiFi should be provided wherever possible”</i></p> <p><i>“Park and ride scheme”</i></p> <p><i>“Development should not have any adverse impact on local residents through e.g. spoiling rural aspect and views, damaging footpaths and land adjacent to footpaths and existing settlements.”</i></p> <p><i>“Better provision for off-loading coaches and parking. Space for visitors to receive information”</i></p> <p><i>“Tourism has been a life blood in this valley for decades and we</i></p>	<p>- Re-word opening paragraph of policy to read:</p> <p>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 whilst being mindful of any potential adverse impact on local residents.</p> <p>- Re-word bullet point 2 to read:</p> <p>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 to support the development or improvement of a particular countryside attraction and there are no suitable existing buildings or developed sites available;</p> <p>- Re-word bullet point 4 to read:</p> <p>The proposals should be well related to the existing highway network. They 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 and be accessible to those with limited mobility;</p> <p>- Re-word bullet point 8 to read:</p> <p>New caravan, chalet, cabin or lodge style developments may be supported providing they are</p>

				<p><i>should find newer, better more sustainable ways to encourage people to visit the valley and its facilities and increase their contribution to the local economy for all to benefit”</i></p> <p><i>“But let’s not totally rely on this as a source of income for the residents of the Holme Valley”</i></p> <p><i>I don’t want to be in a tourist spot. I live in a village as I like village life.</i></p> <p><i>Tourists are a pest. They buy little apart from fast food.</i></p> <p><i>Can’t live off the back of Last of the Summer Wine forever.</i></p> <p><i>Obviously encouraging visitors and tourists is necessary to keep the valley alive and generate income but in Holmfirth in particular large tourist / visitor numbers, as well as bringing income, make the town centre almost impassable for local residents and shoppers and is accompanied by noise and litter problems.</i></p>	<p>appropriately screened, provide adequate car parking spaces, are accessible to people with disabilities, contribute to the conservation of the landscape character and natural environment, do not have a detrimental impact on the natural beauty of the area and do not generate additional traffic movements of a scale and type likely to cause undue problems or disturbance.</p> <p>- Re-word bullet point 9 to read: Proposals for development within existing caravan, camping or visitor accommodation sites should be within the screened footprint of an existing site, contribute to the diversity of the offer to tourists and enhance the landscape character and natural beauty of the area. Proposals should mitigate any adverse impact on the capacity of road, sewerage or other infrastructure and contain adequate provision for car parking and access for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Following Kirkwells advice and the feedback from Kirklees, this policy has been deleted and captured instead within Policy 7: Supporting Business Generation and reworded accordingly. It reflects the issues raised above but not using the exact terminology proposed.</p>
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9 - Facilitating development in Holmfirth, Honley and other local centres	94%	105	<p>Request for improved range of shops</p> <p>Encouragement of using community buildings and retaining range of businesses.</p> <p>Concern about car parking charges</p> <p>Encouragement of use of space above shops for residential units</p>	<p><i>“Riverside path a priority”</i></p> <p><i>“Let’s welcome safe drivers while being more proactive at promoting alternative types of transport including safe cycling for ordinary folk and not just pros practicing for the next Tour de Yorkshire”</i></p> <p><i>“Buildings like the old Adult Education Centre should be brought back into use”</i></p> <p><i>“Parking must be carefully considered so as to permit good access”</i></p> <p><i>“Commercial units should be turned over to residential if there is demand. Town centres are dying but could be revived if more people lived in them”</i></p> <p><i>“We should have better community centres, facilities for everyone, access for everyone and better parks that can have multi sports facilities”</i></p> <p><i>“We are losing business in the Holme Valley, we must find new</i></p>	<p>- Re-word opening paragraph of policy to read:</p> <p>Development of retail, leisure, office, commercial, cultural and tourism uses will be encouraged within Holmfirth and Honley Town Centres as they help enhance the viability and vitality of the centres.</p> <p>The provisions of NDP Policy 2 should also be considered as both centres are Conservation Areas. New developments and change of use should complement existing provision and ensure that the town centre offer as a whole is balanced. Care will also be taken to ensure that development does not adversely affect other amenities, such as open and green space and there is adequate provision for pedestrians, such as seating and pavements, sufficient cycle and car parking (including electric charging points) and public transport facilities within walking distance, clear and useful signage, disposal of litter and sustainable street lighting.</p> <p>- Re-word the first set of bullet points:</p> <p>For retail development, it is located in one of the primary or secondary shopping areas;</p> <p>Where new shop fronts or changes to existing fronts are proposed they are of good design and enhance local distinctiveness;</p> <p>The re-use of upper floors for residential and</p>

				<p><i>ways and new businesses that are prepared to move into the area without destroying the area. We still have plenty of industrial sites that are under utilised in the valley but equally we should encourage new digital white collar work into the valley that will helpfully bring us into the 21st century and offer local training and employment opportunities to our young people as the Holme Valley is their future”</i></p>	<p>commercial uses will be encouraged;</p> <p>Distinctive and detailed features of buildings should be retained and enhanced;</p> <p>Accessibility for people with limited mobility should be achieved where possible and without compromising the historical and distinctive architectural features;</p> <p>Business premises should have appropriate signage; and</p> <p>Security should be well designed and seek to maintain a varied and interesting frontage, whilst at the same time providing appropriate security.</p> <p>Following Kirkwells advice and the feedback from Kirklees, this policy has been reworded accordingly and is now Policy 8: Facilitating Development in Holmfirth, Honley and other Local Centres. It reflects the issues raised above but not using the exact terminology proposed.</p>
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10 - Protecting local community facilities	97%	92	<p>Need to focus on renewing and developing, not just protecting facilities</p> <p>Sports facilities including all weather sports pitches required</p> <p>Tension between changing their use and retaining the past.</p> <p>Particular mention of libraries.</p> <p>Dependency on local volunteers and how that can be supported and that community energy can be harnessed and developed without taking advantage.</p>	<p><i>Ensure that existing community centres, libraries and recreation grounds are protected, maintained and staffed, where possible by paid employees rather than relying on goodwill of volunteers.</i></p> <p><i>Local community facilities should not only be protected but also be enhanced and further developed to meet the needs of all residents and visitors</i></p> <p><i>I would like more stress to be placed on the enhancement rather than just the protection of community facilities.</i></p> <p><i>We cannot ossify the past. Market Halls, village halls, schools, churches not required should be closed.</i></p> <p><i>From libraries to youth centre, they are of vital importance.</i></p> <p><i>Keep libraries open.</i></p> <p><i>Not many left as Kirklees have raped us of much of what we had.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-word first line of policy to read: Community facilities are defined as facilities which are of value to the local community and they will be protected, developed and enhanced wherever possible. - Re-word last line of policy to read: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it has been demonstrated that it is in accordance with relevant policies of the Kirklees Local Plan - it can be demonstrated that its ongoing provision is not viable - it can be demonstrated that the provisions offered by the facility can be accommodated at an equal or higher standard elsewhere in the local area (within the NDP area) - it can be demonstrated that every attempt has been made to identify and support local community or voluntary groups wishing to continue the operation of the facility. <p>These changes are reflected in the Regulation 14 Draft Plan and the Policy is now Policy 9 entitled 'Protecting and Enhancing Local Community Facilities'.</p>

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11 - Protecting Local Green Space	99%	155	Refer to list (once collated) <i>Desire to cover all green spaces / fields as well as specific sites</i>	Specific sites given. <i>All current local green spaces in the Valley</i> <i>There is so little left, all is of enormous importance.</i> <i>Green spaces around villages to preserve the identity of each village</i>	Move this whole section entitled Local Green Space (4.9.10 – 4.9.14 and its policy to after Education, Health & Wellbeing so it is the final section under 4.9 as it relates to how we realise all the benefits of the rest of the chapter by providing local green space to meet those objectives re wellbeing etc.) These changes are reflected in the Regulation 14 Draft Plan and is now Policy 10: Protecting Local Green Space. Four proposed spaces have been identified following the review of all the green spaces proposed.

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12 - Supporting community based education, health & wellbeing	98%	89	<p>Adult education centre (Tech) mentioned frequently as needing protection with little awareness of its potential re-use.</p> <p>Holme Valley hospital to be better used</p> <p>Request for all weather playing facility at Holmfirth High School</p> <p>Questions about what forest schools are.</p> <p>Importance of working with other services especially health.</p>	<p><i>"Health and wellbeing needs to be holistically linked to other policies such as green space and footpath maintenance"</i></p> <p><i>"Holmfirth Arts Festival, Folk Festival etc. should be encouraged and supported... These make a significant contribution to the wellbeing of local residents as well as contributing to the local economy."</i></p> <p><i>"Netherthong Church should be cleared of pews and become community hall for village, with shared sanctuary area available for shared services. There is no village hall or community space in Netherthong at present."</i></p> <p><i>Make more use of Locale Hospital and re-open Maple ward.</i></p> <p><i>I'd like to see buildings other than schools (such as pubs, warehouses, restaurants etc.) being used to support and promote health and wellbeing out of normal trading hours.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add in definition of Forest School to text in 4.9.23 as a final sentence: This includes encouraging access to local green spaces to enable 'Forest School' learning in the valley. 'Forest School' is child-centred learning that takes place in a woodland or natural environment to support the development of a relationship between the learner and the natural world and is already offered by qualified practitioners in local schools such as Upperthong Junior & Infant School. (ref: https://www.forestschoollassociation.org/what-is-forest-school/) - Re-word bullet point 1 to read: 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 support for any necessary expansion to provide additional space or facilities. - Re-word bullet point 5 to read: Proposals to expand the provision of Forest Schools and open up areas of green space to make them accessible to all ages will be encouraged provided they are managed to address any potential negative environmental or highways impacts such as litter or excessive parking. - Reword Parish Action 2nd bullet point to read:

					<p>Encourage life-long learning by promoting opportunities for active citizenship, volunteering and participation in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add two more bullet points to the Parish Actions: <p>Identify and provide space for community gardening projects, including food growing, composting, beekeeping etc.</p> <p>Work with local sports organisations and Kirklees to investigate the feasibility of providing an all-weather sports pitch in the valley for use by different sports.</p> <p>Following Kirkwells advice and the feedback from Kirklees, this separate policy has been deleted but the elements included in Policy 9 'Protecting and Enhancing Local Community Facilities'. It reflects the issues raised above but not using the exact terminology proposed.</p>
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13 - Improving traffic & transport Infrastructure	91%	202	<p>Complaints about road quality & potholes.</p> <p>Need to consider non-vehicular transport (horses, bikes, pedestrians)</p> <p>Support for 20mph speed limits</p> <p>Support for restrictions on HGVs</p> <p>Very high level of engagement with comments.</p> <p>Challenge of those supporting reducing congestion, increasing speeds and</p>	<p><i>“There must be a fair balance between all users. Many people are unable to cycle or walk and their needs must not be secondary. Cyclists....must be properly subject to the law in the same way as motorists.....”</i></p> <p><i>“....discourage HGVs....”</i></p> <p><i>“A dream would be to take all vehicles out of Holmfirth town centre and make it pedestrian only.”</i></p> <p><i>“Traffic planners must return to the scene of their changes and evaluate the results”</i></p> <p><i>20mph speed limits through the villages, especially Wooldale, which has become a rat run and is already very congested.</i></p> <p><i>Speed limits should be adhered to and properly enforced...our roads are narrow and often steep; all of us have to take care.</i></p> <p><i>Tackling this very important problem will have a huge impact</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potentially merge with policy 14 so transport infrastructure, parking and accessibility are all considered as one. - Change reference to ‘Green Lane’ to ‘Quiet Lane’ in para 4.10.8 - Not done as Green Lanes are a recognised planning term and used in other plans, Definition added. - In Policy, under Traffic Management & Design, reword first paragraph with bullets as follows: <p>Traffic management interventions should be managed on the basis of two principles :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A balanced approach with pedestrians & cyclists treated with equivalent priority to vehicle users - Minimal interventions thereby improving the historic environment and public realm. - Consider re-wording rest of policy to shorten and prioritise and identify what elements both help road safety and the environment. - Add the following to the Parish Actions 6: <p>Share the local proposals concerning traffic management on Victoria Street/ Dunford Road / Station Road/ Hollowgate with Kirklees for consideration</p>

			<p>improving convenience of travel with those wanting a safer and better quality environment for non-car users.</p> <p>Sense of inevitability that this continues to be a local problem especially with new houses / development</p>	<p><i>on the quality of life in this valley. The needs of pedestrians must have priority...restricting HGVs could be tackled immediately.</i></p> <p><i>Traffic and infrastructure will always be problematic around Holmfirth due to the geography.</i></p> <p><i>This is not such a big problem as many perceive. There are times when traffic is at a standstill but compared to other small villages / towns, there is not really an issue here. I welcome the idea of a hierarchy with pedestrians at the top. Apart from vehicle emissions, slow traffic speeds are a positive.</i></p> <p><i>Do not agree with 20mph in all residential areas: how many fatalities have we had in last 2 years?</i></p> <p><i>Currently road safety and congestion does not appear to be given any serious consideration when planning permission is granted.</i></p>	<p>Consider the introduction of “priority passing/give way” calming measures on narrow rural roads</p> <p>Liaise with the Anglican church regarding the proposal to de-consecrate part of the churchyard at Netherthong to create additional parking.</p> <p>Comments above all in updated policy combining transport and accessibility – Policy 11 ‘Improving transport, accessibility and Local Infrastructure’. Sustainability elements regarding transport also included.</p>
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14 - Improving parking, public transport & accessibility	96%	152	<p>Car parking required at stations and in shared spaces.</p> <p>Parking in Honley centre a concern.</p> <p>Need for parking spaces for workers and potential residents permits.</p> <p>Encourage walking to school</p> <p>Infrastructure needed for electric cars / bikes.</p> <p>Lack of appreciation of existing public transport</p> <p>Need to reflect</p>	<p><i>"A more reliable bus service would be a huge benefit"</i></p> <p><i>Agree with central parking areas to reduce on street parking</i></p> <p><i>Promote walking to and from school. Ban parking on narrow roads, bends and village centres.</i></p> <p><i>Holmfirth is dreadful for wheelchair users...no use getting into town in car then getting stuck on pavement</i></p> <p><i>Do much more with park and walk schemes, especially in Holmfirth</i></p> <p><i>There are too many cars. There are enough car parks and enough public transport. People should use it.</i></p> <p><i>More and better parking is definitely required as a priority.</i></p> <p><i>Make it cheaper for people to park especially all day worker parking so they are not tempted to park in inappropriate places.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potentially merge with policy 13 so transport infrastructure, parking and accessibility are all considered as one. <p>Would this weaken the policies or allow more targeting on what we can do to recognise each element? ie. maybe headings which focus on different areas eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicular transport (parking, road layouts, taxis) - Public transport provision (buses, trains) - Non-motorised transport (foot, cycle, horse) - Creating safer, more accessible and welcoming environments for all (public realm, sense of place) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add the following to the Parish Actions 6: <p>Investigate the feasibility of renaming Brockholes railway station "Brockholes and Holmfirth" and providing a linked shuttle bus service to Holmfirth town centre</p> <p>Investigate the feasibility of providing suitable parking on the edge of Holmfirth to accommodate a "Park and Ride" service</p> <p>Separate policy has been deleted but comments above reflected in updated policy combining transport and accessibility – Policy 11 'Improving transport, accessibility and Local Infrastructure'.</p>

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			accessibility better Park and ride from Sands		Sustainability elements regarding transport also included.
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15 - Promoting sustainability	97%	77	<p>Sustainability should be thread throughout all policies and seen as very important.</p> <p>Remove specific reference to HoTT Edible in policy</p> <p>Need to balance costs of achieving it</p> <p>Need to be flexible especially with conservation areas</p> <p>Wind turbines either supported or opposed (divisive!)</p>	<p><i>I would like this policy to be more prominent in the plan. I would suggest it should be at the start of both objectives and policies rather than the last one.</i></p> <p><i>Sustainability, biodiversity, environmentally sound proposals above economic considerations have to be the priority for a healthy Holme Valley community.</i></p> <p><i>Take a practical and a common sense approach.</i></p> <p><i>I think there's an opportunity to introduce at least one public drinking fountain in Holmfirth to support the decrease in plastics</i></p> <p><i>I strongly support the principles in this policy and would like to see it further integrated into all other policies in this plan.</i></p> <p><i>These are just barriers to progress and economic growth. They may be desirable but are just not essential. For housing, folk just need affordable housing.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove line in 4.11.7 which states: "The Environment Agency predicts a 1m sea level rise, above 1990 baseline, by 2015." - Reword first statement in policy to read: All new developments must prepare a sustainability statement which outlines how the development will evaluate and contribute to the following elements of sustainability. - Reword 3rd bullet under Promoting Renewable Energy to read: New developments <i>should</i> install district heating from renewable resources and will be expected to deliver an on-site heat network, unless it can be demonstrated that this would render the development unviable. <i>In this case, developers must demonstrate that they have worked with 3rd parties, commercial or community, to assess the opportunity.</i> - Reword 4th bullet under Energy Efficiency to read: Retrofitting of older properties to reduce energy demand and to generate renewable energy is encouraged and alterations to existing properties must be designed to reduce energy demand and comply with sustainable design and construction. - Reword 2nd bullet under Sustainable Living to read: The expansion of urban gardening for sustainable

				<p><i>Want more emphasis on energy efficiency rather than renewable energy.</i></p> <p><i>Wind turbine power is an important constituent of sustainability but it is crucial the turbines do not dominate the scenery ie. On hilltops.</i></p>	<p>food is supported as is the further development of 'communal' growing land.</p> <p>-Add Parish Actions box to include: Consider the provision of a free water fountain in Holmfirth to encourage the re-use of drinking bottles.</p> <p>Elements of sustainability relevant to specific policies included in those to shorten this policy slightly. Key themes retained and reflected in updated policy 12 'Promoting Sustainability'</p>
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				<p>and natural environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improvements to car parking provision- The ongoing retention and support of community facilities including public toilets. <p>These changes are reflected in the Regulation 14 Draft Plan in Policy 13: 'Focusing Develop Contributions on Local Priorities'.</p>
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<p>General comments</p>	<p><i>That the wishes of the community are carried out and not overlooked as not important.</i></p> <p><i>The River Holme is an untapped asset. Opening up the river using it for canoeing, projects, riverside walkways, cycle paths would be a potential attraction and benefit the whole community</i></p> <p><i>All the plans and policies are wonderfully aspirational, but the track we are on in the Holme Valley is one of accelerating deterioration</i></p> <p><i>As I am new to the area, I would like to praise excellent planning for design of new houses and for the excellent bus service.</i></p> <p><i>It all sounds marvellous, hope it's not just all words that Kirklees can blithely ignore.</i></p> <p><i>The Holme Valley should retain the natural characteristics and beauty that makes it such a special place for residents.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for producing such a comprehensive plan to help protect and enhance our valley.</i></p> <p><i>On the whole this is well thought out plan to maintain the heritage and character of our valley.</i></p> <p><i>Let's have less talk and more action!</i></p> <p><i>I appreciate the opportunity to contribute.</i></p>

There were no specific references to the detail within the appendices but these were reviewed to make sure they support / relate appropriately to the policies and are suitably up to date.