

Holme Valley Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan – Regulation 14 Consultation Responses 2019

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Table 4 Local Community Groups

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Holmfirth Transition Town (HoTT) 1.1			Policy 1	Support / Comment	<p>Although it is important to protect the landscape, this should not be to the exclusion of renewable energy projects such as wind turbines.</p> <p>Kirklees Council and the Parish Council have declared Climate Change Emergencies and any construction which can reduce our carbon footprint must have at least equal consideration as the landscape.</p> <p>Further comment should be included on retaining peat bogs and restoring the peat bogs to retain their carbon sink.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Renewable energy is supported in Policy 12. However this does not refer to wind turbines because national planning policy (NPPF 154 b) footnote 49)sets out that:</p> <p><i>"Except for applications for the repowering of existing wind turbines, a proposed wind energy development involving one or more turbines should not be considered acceptable unless it is in an area identified as suitable for</i></p>	No change.

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						<p><i>wind energy development in the development plan; and, following consultation, it can be demonstrated that the planning impacts identified by the affected local community have been fully addressed and the proposal has their backing."</i></p> <p>Retaining and restoring peat bogs is not a planning matter but a land management / biodiversity issue. Much of the moorland part of the NDP area is in the PDNPA area and will be protected from development.</p>	
1.2			Policy 2	Comment	Although it is important to protect the built character and conservation areas, this policy should not exclude developments to promote	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Renewable energy is supported in Policy 2 and more detail is provided in</p>	No change.

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					<p>renewable energy. Better waste storage should be considered as, particularly business storage is an eyesore in Holmfirth and Honley.</p> <p>We would like to see Listed buildings being given the opportunity to add energy efficient measures eg double glazing.</p>	<p>Policy 12.</p> <p>Waste management is not a planning matter but the Parish Council will continue to promote improved local facilities.</p> <p>Proposals affecting listed buildings are required to consider impact on character and planning decisions should take a balanced approach by finding solutions that protect heritage assets whilst improving energy efficiency.</p>	
1.3			Policy 3	Support	We agree that non designated assets should be preserved, however possibly not Listed as this will prevent the buildings adding energy efficient measures.	<p>Not accepted.</p> <p>Local listing of heritage assets is different from the statutory list. Identified non designated heritage assets are an important local asset and should be protected from</p>	No change.

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						inappropriate or insensitive change.	
1.4			Policy 4	Support	Advice should be taken from other villages that have achieved a consistency in shop design and colour schemes that has enhanced the experience for visitors to Holmfirth/Honley.	Noted. The Policy has been revised following consideration of comments submitted by Kirklees Council and now no longer refers to colour. The Parish Council will continue to promote high quality and sensitive designs as set out in the revised Policy.	No change.
1.5			Policy 5	Support	The policy would benefit from the inclusion of better waste storage for businesses, such as communal underground waste storage with access at pavement level.	Noted. The Policy has been revised following consideration of comments submitted by Kirklees Council and now no longer refers to waste storage and collection.	No change.
1.6			Policy 6	Support	HoTT consider that the Council should undertake stock management whereby the	Noted. Planning applications are	<u>Amend NDP.</u> <u>Insert additional text into Policy 6 eg</u>

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					needs of the local community are considered in each planning application considered. Community led housing/self-build/housing associations should have a priority.	published for public consultation. Policy 6 could be amended to support community led housing in the neighbourhood area.	<p><u>include under House Types and Sizes:</u></p> <p>" Provide new housing through a Community Right to Build Order or other community led housing project including self-build schemes."</p> <p>Insert into supporting text:</p> <p>"Neighbourhood Development Orders (NDOs) were introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and grant planning permission for specific development in a particular area. Community organisations can bring forward a 'Community Right to Build Order' which is a type of NDO. This allows certain community organisations to bring forward smaller-scale development on a specific site, without the need for planning permission. Communities have the freedom to develop, for instance, small-scale housing and other facilities that they want. Any benefit from this development stays within the community to be used for the community's benefit, for example, to maintain affordable housing stock."</p>

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1.7			Policy 7	Support	Community business and eco businesses should be promoted and supported. Existing charity businesses should be supported by, for example, lower business rates.	Noted. The Policy supports investment in suitable local businesses which would include community led / eco businesses and charities subject to other NDP policies. Business rates are not a planning policy matter.	No change.
1.8			Policy 8	Support	All development should include a higher proportion of renewable energy, insulation and glazing than required by building regulations to ensure reduced carbon footprint in the Holme Valley.	Noted. Refer to revised Policy 12.	No further change.
1.9			Policy 9	Support	Protecting and increasing community facilities should take priority to new development on a particular site.	Noted. Refer to revised Policy 9. The first line now sets out that community facilities	No change.

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						will be protected and enhanced where possible.	
1.10			Policy 11	Support	<p>The installation of electric charging points should be FAST charging points.</p> <p>The Plan should be looking at ways to prevent or discourage HGVs from coming through Holmfirth/Honley. All new car parks proposed should be permeable areas not tarmac. Cars and particularly buses should be discouraged from idling when stationary.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>EVC points are promoted in Policy 5.</p> <p>Traffic management including HGV routes and discouraging idling are not planning policy matters. Promoting the use of sustainable drainage is included in Local Plan policies and the Flooding and Extreme Weather section of Policy 2 has been deleted on the advice of Kirklees Council.</p>	No change.
1.11			Policy 12	Support / Comment	<p>As Kirklees Council and the Parish Council have declared a Climate Change Emergency, the NP should include support to these declarations.</p> <p>Sustainability must be considered in all policies to</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Policy 12 has been revised following consideration of comments submitted by Kirklees Council.</p> <p>Planning policies cannot</p>	<p><u>Amend NDP.</u></p> <p>Provide additional text in relation to PC declaring a Climate Emergency.</p>

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					<p>mitigate climate change, and based on the Climate Change declaration, the Parish Council must impose clear requirements in all aspects of the PC work to reduce carbon and achieve zero energy.</p> <p>Renewable Energy must be better supported through the NDP, as its inclusion will be central to the Climate Change Action Plan.</p> <p>All new buildings should be zero energy rated by the inclusion of insulation and renewable energy installations. Older buildings should be encouraged to attain a better energy efficiency by use of various techniques which are applicable to the particular building.</p> <p>HoTT will be promoting thermal imaging techniques</p>	<p>include technical standards and currently energy efficiency and low carbon technologies are more likely to be addressed through Building Regulations.</p> <p>The supporting text could be strengthened with reference to the Climate Change Emergency declaration.</p>	

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					this winter to educate building owners of the areas of loss of heat on their homes and give advice on ways to mitigate heat loss. These techniques should be promoted by the NDP.		
1.12			General	Support	Ticked yes to support the aims of the plan and its future progression to referendum.	Noted.	No change.
Scholes Future Group 2.1	101		Policy 10 Protecting Local Green Space	Support	<p>We make these written comments in response to the regulation 14 public consultation of HVPC's Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Our comments are strictly to our view that certain land in Scholes should be designated as Local Green Space.</p> <p>1. Justification for designating the land formally in H597 as Local Green Space / NPPF 99-101</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The LGS 1) Scholes Marsh Road Well Garden will be retained in the NDP.</p>	<p>Amend NDP</p> <p>Review submitted comments and add to LGS justification where appropriate.</p>

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					<p>The land which we think should be designated as Local Green Space is that coloured orange in the drawing in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The designation of land as Local Green Space is governed by paragraphs 99, 100, and 101 in the NPPF of July 2018. We will look at each of the three paragraphs separately.</p> <p>Para 99</p> <p>From what we have seen so far of the NDP, we believe the designation of this land as Local Green Space will be consistent with the NDP in terms of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.</p>		

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					<p>As the designation is being used as part of the preparation of the NDP, and will be able to endure beyond the end of the plan period, the final sentence of para 99 is satisfied.</p> <p>Para 100</p> <p>Looking at each of the three sub-paragraphs of para 100 :</p> <p>a) It is fairly self-evident that the space is close to the community it serves. It is bounded to the east and south by existing housing developments, and to the north and west by older, sparser dwellings.</p> <p>Appendix 3 is the letter of 6 June 1996 from a</p>		

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					<p>Planning Inspector dismissing an appeal to allow the building of 91 dwellings on a 2.68 hectare site at the north-east on the present site. At para 20, the Inspector says :</p> <p>“Although the site comprises open fields, there is no dispute that the site is located within the broad framework of Scholes.”</p> <p>b) Para 100(b) requires that the green space must be demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance. Examples are given of beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquility, and richness of wildlife – but</p>		

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					<p>the list is not exhaustive.</p> <p>All the land comprising the green space has for many years been grazed as cattle and sheep. It is certainly important to the local farmers.</p> <p>Appendix 5 is an extract from the Appendix to Historic England's representations to the PDLP Inspector on KMC's Natural and Historic Environmental Policies.</p> <p>Appendix 4 is an extract from KMC's Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA") on H597. The HIA states that the Grade II Listed Sandy Gate Farmhouse adjacent to the north side of H597, and its environs are important heritage assets. The HIA states of the Farmhouse that :</p>		

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					<p>The access roads are of High Significance</p> <p>The views from H597 towards it are of High Significance</p> <p>The boundary walls of H597 are of High Significance</p> <p>The land adjacent to Sandy Gate Farmhouse is of Moderate Significance</p> <p>The land adjacent to The Olde House Hamlet (to the west of H597) is of Moderate Significance</p> <p>The remaining areas of H597 are of Slight Significance</p> <p>Historic England's</p>		

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					<p>representations were that they were all of sufficient significance that H597 should be reduced to just one field at its south end. The PDLP Inspector agreed. Appendix 2 is her direction to do so, and Appendix 6 explains why.</p> <p>One thing is certain – that the area of this Local Green Space is, if nothing else, special to the local community because of its historic significance.</p> <p>The space is also special and significant to the residents of Scholes in that it preserves the character and setting of Scholes. The Planning Inspector in 1996 (Appendix 3) refers to this at para 22 of his decision. He says :</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“From my observation, it appears to me that</p>		

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					<p>the form of the settlement is typified by clusters of building punctuated by open gaps which allow views out to the countryside beyond. The appeal is one such gap. Although the proposed development would not encroach unduly into the surrounding countryside, the sense of openness of this part of the village would be markedly diminished by the proposed development.”</p> <p>Preserving this local space as special would prevent this.</p> <p>c) The land concerned is not an extensive tract of land. It is self-contained with clearly-</p>		

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					<p>defined edges, and is not open countryside.</p> <p>Para 101</p> <p>We assume that the HVPC will manage development, with the owner if necessary, within the Local Green Space if it is included in the NDP.</p>		