

To all Members of the Planning Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** to be held at **EXHIBITION ROOM** at **THE CIVIC, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH HD9** on **MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2025** at **700pm** to transact the following business: -

**- AGENDA – (A)**

**Welcome**

**Open Session at Planning**

**7.00 pm**

At the commencement of the meeting, there will be an open session lasting up to 15 minutes, for members of the public to address Members of the Committee in connection with planning applications to be considered at the meeting. This session allows both applicants and objectors to address Members. Any other information relating to items on the agenda will be considered as part of the agenda item.

Issues/concerns/information not related to any item on the agenda will be considered at a later date or referred to the appropriate body.

**2526 41 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014 7.15 pm**

As Local (Parish and Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chair to check if any members of the public wish to record the meeting, to ensure reasonable facilities can be provided. The meeting is already being recorded by the Officer for public broadcast via the Holme Valley Parish Council YouTube channel.

**2526 42 To accept apologies for absence 7.16 pm**

Any apologies for absence with reasons received by the Assistant Clerk will be circulated by email prior to the meeting. These will be considered together.

Cllr Davis has resigned by email **(B)** from the Planning Committee. His resignation will be noted at Full Council on 8 September 2025.

**To note**, the resignation from the committee of Cllr Harry Davis.

**To consider**, apologies and reasons for absence.

**2526 43 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda 7.17 pm**

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- 2526 44**      **To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**      **7.18 pm**
- 2526 45**      **To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**      **7.19 pm**
- Any recording to be halted during such items and members of the public asked to leave the meeting.
- 2526 46**      **To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**      **7.20 pm**
- **To approve**, Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30 June 2025, numbered 2526 20 – 2526 40 inclusive. **(C)**
- Assistant Clerk to update on progress and matters arising from the previous minutes not otherwise covered in the agenda.
- To consider**, any further action.
- 2526 47**      **Kirklees Planning Applications**      **7.25 pm**
- i.      - **To note**, List of Kirklees planning applications 22 May 2025 to 24 June 2025 updated with the views of the Committee. **(D)**
  - **To note**, List of Kirklees planning applications 24 June 2025 to 22 July 2025 updated with the views of the Planning Applications Working Group. **(E)**
  - ii.     - **To consider**, New or amended applications received from Kirklees Council 22 July 2025 to 12 August – List 2526-05 enclosed. **(F)**
  - **To note**, The public local inquiry into the Definitive Map Modification Order regarding the width of footpath HOL/60 at Wolfstone Heights took place 15 to 18 July 2025, a decision and accompanying report is to be expected in the coming weeks.
  - **To note**, A consultation on a minor diversion of Footpath 6, Holmfirth at 70 Acre Farm was carried out in July 2025 **(G)**
  - **To consider**, any further action.
- 2526 48**      **Peak District National Park Authority**      **7.50 pm**
- i.      - No new or amended applications were received from the Peak District National Park Authority from 22 May 2025 to 22 July inclusive to be updated with the views of the Committee.
  - ii.     - No new or amended applications were received by Peak District National Park Authority 22 May 2025 to 22 July 2025 inclusive.
  - **To consider**, any further action.
- 2526 49**      **HVPC Planning Sub-Committee on Planning Applications Terms of Reference**      **7.52 pm**

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At the meeting of this committee on 30 June 2025 members **Resolved** to defer the item to adopt or amend the Terms of Reference for the Planning Applications Sub-committee **(H)** to the next meeting of the Planning Committee:

Assistant Clerk to report.

- **To consider**, adopting or amending the Terms of Reference for the Planning Applications Sub-committee (possible additions to include: Co-opted members, reserve members, declarations of interest in applications, publication of video, attendance record).
- **To note**, the Planning Applications Sub-committee meetings for the remainder of the council year 2025/26 have been set as follows (these meetings will be held via Zoom and will be advertised to the public and have a facility for public attendance):
  - Monday 28 July 2025, 7pm
  - Monday 15 September 2025, 7pm
  - Monday 8 December 2025, 7pm
  - Monday 9 February 2026, 7pm

**2526 50      Remit and Priorities for HVPC Planning Committee 2025-2027      8.02 pm**

At the meeting of the Planning Committee on 30 June 2025 the committee **Resolved** that defining the core remit and priorities for the Planning Committee 2025-2027 would be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

Following the appointment of committee members for the year 2025/26 at the Full Council meeting on 19 May 2025, the Planning Committee has a refreshed membership.

This presents an opportunity to revisit the committee's remit and priorities. Members may wish to consider setting clear priorities, aims, or objectives to guide their work for the remainder of the council term, through to 2027. The exercise will contribute to the committee's focus and support it to remain aligned with the wider goals of the council and the evolving needs of the Holme Valley.

**To consider**, defining the core remit and priorities for the Planning Committee 2025-2027.

**2526 51      Traffic Calming      8.15 pm**

- i. **Kirklees Council Management of Speeding in the Holme Valley**

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At a meeting of the Planning Committee on 30 June 2025 the committee **Resolved** that a discussion on locations for SIDs will be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

Cllr Wilson to report.

**To consider**, recommendations for locations for the Holme Valley SIDs

ii. **School Parking Bollards**

New Mill School have now received the parking bollards and they are in use.

Assistant Clerk to report on progress.

**2526 52 Ongoing highways campaigns, including unmade roads, green lanes and byways of the Holme Valley 8.20 pm**

The ongoing campaigns are:

- i. **Ramsden Road**
- ii. **Cartworth Moor Road**
- iii. **Cheesegate Nab**

Cllrs and the Assistant Clerk to report on updates received.

- **To consider**, any further action.

**2526 53 Planning Policy, Guidance and Consultation 8.35 pm**

**To note**, Planning Appeals Reform – The UK Government plans to streamline written representation appeals by late 2025, requiring all evidence to be submitted upfront. The roll out is expected to begin by the end of 2025: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a-faster-more-efficient-planning-appeals-process>

**To note**, a joint statement signed by all Combined Authority Mayors and supported by Active Travel England outlines a commitment to delivering over 3,500 miles of safer routes prioritising the school run. The initiative aims to integrate active travel into local transport networks and boost economic growth through healthier, better-connected communities. **(I)**

**To consider**, Consultation on Electricity Network Infrastructure – Consents, Land Access & Rights. The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero launched a consultation on **8 July 2025** proposing reforms to land access, wayleave, and consenting processes for electricity infrastructure projects. The aim is to improve delivery speed and reliability for Net Zero energy connections while protecting

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the rights of landowners and local communities. Responses are invited from a range of stakeholders before the closing date of **2 September 2025**:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/electricity-network-infrastructure-consents-land-access-and-rights?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\\_source=71bb5f59-5125-422a-94b8-6177e8241054&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/electricity-network-infrastructure-consents-land-access-and-rights?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=71bb5f59-5125-422a-94b8-6177e8241054&utm_content=daily)

**To note**, SLCC response to the government's consultation on the reform of Planning Committees (July 2025). **(J)**

**2526 54      Design Code      8.42 pm**

**To approve**, The Assistant Clerk has drafted a letter to accompany the design guide when delivering to local businesses. **(K)**

The list of business address with shop fronts in the Holme Valley is also now available for councillors to use as a distribution list.

Cllr Ransby and Assistant Clerk to report on progress.

- **To consider**, plan and implementation for the distribution of the Design Guides.

**2526 55      Holmfirth Town Centre Group      8.45 pm**

Cllrs to report on updates received.

- **To consider**, any further action.

**2526 56      Kirklees Local Plan Review      8.50 pm**

At the meeting on 30 June 2025, the Planning Committee **Resolved** to recommend to Full Council that both the Working Group and Reference Group on the Kirklees Local Plan report directly to Full Council, rather than via the Planning Committee. This recommendation will be considered at the Full Council meeting scheduled for 8 September 2025.

Until such time as this recommendation is formally adopted, the Working Group will continue to report to the Planning Committee.

Working Group to update.

**To note**, notes from the Reference Group meeting of 20 June 2025 **(L)**, and 25 July 2025 **(M)** and notes from the public consultation meeting on Farming and Food 23 July 2025 **(N)**.

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**2526 57 Neighbourhood Development Plan 8.55 pm**

Cllr Ransby to report on progress with work on the Holme Valley Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan actions.

- **To consider**, any further action.

**2526 58 Planning Standing Committee Expenditure against Budget and reserves 2025-26 8.56 pm**

**To note**, the Planning Committee's expenditure against budget 2025-26 year to date:

- The Planning Committee has one budget line under its remit. This is 4505 Neighbourhood Plan. At the start of the 2025-26 Council year, the budget contained £2,500. £30 was spent on room hire for a local plan public meeting, leaving £2,470 remaining.
- There are no EMRs associated with the Planning Committee for 2025-26.

**2526 59 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council 8.58 pm**

Assistant Clerk to update on planned activity.

**To consider**, recent events or news that this Committee wishes to publicise via the press, Parish Council website or social media.

Close **9.00 pm**

Please note that timings on the agenda are given for guidance of the Chair and Committee only and should not be taken as the time at which discussion of a particular item will commence.



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**Assistant Clerk**

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**From:** clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 21 July 2025 12:25  
**To:** cllrharrydavis@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk  
**Cc:** Andy Wilson; Gemma Sharp; deputyclerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk; Jen McIntosh  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Committee

Thank you for letting me know, Harry.

The Planning Committee can be informed at its next meeting on Monday 18 August and this will be noted at Full Council on Monday 8 September.

Kind regards - Jen

*Jen McIntosh*

Mrs Jen McIntosh  
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*My usual working pattern is Monday to Thursday.*

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**From:** cllrharrydavis@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk <cllrharrydavis@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 19 July 2025 14:56  
**To:** clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Planning Committee

Hi Jen,

I would like to stand down from the planning committee please, i was told to send you an email with my wishes.

thanks

Cllr Harry Davis



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DRAFT Minutes of the **PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** held at **HONLEY LIBRARY, WEST AVENUE, HONLEY. HD9 6HF** on **MONDAY 30 JUNE 2025** at **700pm**

**Attendees:**

Cllr Andy Wilson (Chair)  
Cllr Donald Firth  
Cllr Mary Blacka

**Apologies:**

Cllrs Barnett, Davis, Dixon, Liles and Ransby.

**Welcome**

**Open Session at Planning**

28 members of the public attended the public session.

1 person attended as a volunteer for Honley Library to support with opening and closing the building and setting up for the meeting.

1 person attended on behalf of the Holmfirth conservation group to speak about item 2526 33

25 people attended to speak or observe regarding item 2526 27, application number 2526/03/22 in opposition to the development (5 people spoke in the public session about this item and statements were read out from 2 others who had sent their comments but were unable to attend in person).

In addition, Cllr Greaves also attended the public session and gave updates about the current progress of application 2526/03/22 with the Kirklees Planning Authority.

**2526 20 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014**

As Local (Parish and Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chair checked if any members of the public wished to record the meeting. The meeting was already being recorded by the Officer for public broadcast via the Holme Valley Parish Council YouTube channel.

No other recordings were made.

**2526 21 To accept apologies for absence**

**Noted and approved:** Apologies and reasons for absence had been received from Cllrs Barnett, Davis, Dixon, Liles and Ransby.





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**2526 22 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

Cllr Wilson declared a personal interest in item 2526 27 application 2526/03/08.

The committee **resolved** not to comment on this application.

**2526 23 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None had been received.

**2526 24 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

**Resolved:** None of the meeting would be held in private session.

**2526 25 To Elect a Vice Chair of the Planning Committee 2025/26**

In line with Standing Orders the Annual Council meeting resolved that the Vice Chair of the Planning Committee be elected at the first meeting of the council year 2025/26.

**Resolved:** The Vice Chair of the Planning Committee for the remainder of the council year 2025/26 will be Cllr Steve Ransby.

**Resolved:** At this point The Committee resolved to suspend standing orders to take item 2526 27 application 2025/03/22 and then item 2025 33 out of order and to allow members of the public to join the discussion.

**2526 27 Application 2526/03/22 Development at Gynn Lane, Honley.**

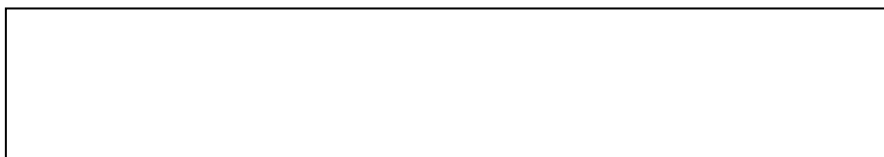
A discussion was held with the concerned members of the public, The Committee and Cllr Greaves. The main points of concern with the application were outlined.

**Resolved:** The officer will summarise the community's and Planning Committee's concerns and the Committee's comments on the above application will be forwarded to Kirklees Council.

**Action:** An action for the Planning Committee and Assistant Clerk is to publicise via local social media community groups the Kirklees Planning Committee public meeting when this application is due to be discussed.

**2526 33 Commercial Waste Management – Holmfirth Town Centre**

Holmfirth Business Together has raised ongoing concerns regarding commercial waste management in Holmfirth town centre.



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The current bin storage and collection arrangements are proving inadequate, particularly in light of the area's evolving commercial landscape—with an increasing number of food and hospitality outlets placing additional pressure on the limited space.

The existing redevelopment plans for the area around Hollowgate will not provide sufficient capacity to accommodate the evolving waste needs of all businesses.

Information received from Holmfirth Business Together on proposed plans were circulated to members of the Planning Committee prior to the meeting.

A representative from Holmfirth Conservation Group discussed proposals with The Committee. Holmfirth Business Together are continuing to pursue potential solutions.

**Action:** Cllr Wilson will approach the Kirklees Local Centres Programme Manager with concerns with waste management in Holmfirth town centre to support the development of better commercial waste disposal.

## 2526 26 To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**Noted:** Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28 April 2025, numbered 2526 01 – 2526 19 inclusive approved at Full Council on 19 May 2025 were noted by the committee.

## 2526 27 Kirklees Planning Applications

- i.
  - **Noted:** List of Kirklees planning applications 25 March 2025 to 22 April 2025 updated with the views of the Committee.
  - **Noted:** List of Kirklees planning applications 22 April 2025 to 22 May 2025 updated with the views of the Planning Applications Working Group.
- ii.
  - The Committee discussed the New or amended applications received from Kirklees Council 22 May 2025 to 24 June 2025 – List 2526-03 enclosed.
  - **Resolved:** The Planning Committee's comments on the above applications will be forwarded to Kirklees Council by the Officer.
  - **Noted:** Notification of appeal on application 2024/92626.
  - **Noted:** D105-179 Kirklees Council (Holmfirth 31 - Robinson Lane) Definitive Map Modification Order 2025.
  - **Noted:** The public local inquiry into the Definitive Map Modification Order regarding the width of footpath HOL/60 at Wolfstone Heights has been rescheduled for 15 July 2025.

## 2526 28 Peak District National Park Authority

- i.
  - No new or amended applications were received from the Peak District National Park Authority from 25 March 2025 to 22 May 2025 inclusive to be updated with the views of the Committee.



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- ii. - No new or amended applications were received by Peak District National Park Authority 22 May 2025 to 24 June 2025 inclusive.

## 2526 29 HVPC Planning Sub-Committee on Planning Applications Terms of Reference

On 24 March 2025 Full Council **resolved** to adopt the recommendations from the Planning Committee for the year 2025/26 onwards as follows:

1. The PLANNING COMMITTEE should remain as a standing committee.
2. The frequency of meetings should be reduced to every other month.
3. The COMMITTEE will review the existing criteria for what constitutes a 'significant application' to reduce further which applications are considered.
4. A sub-committee to be established to meet in-between COMMITTEE meetings to handle any applications that meet the criteria for comment.
5. The COMMITTEE will review the effectiveness of the changes after a 6-month trial.

The Committee may wish to set a Terms of Reference for the establishment of a Sub-Committee. A draft Terms of Reference has been prepared by the Assistant Clerk.

**Resolved:** Adopting or amending the Terms of Reference for the Planning Applications Sub-committee was deferred to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

**Resolved:** The dates for the Planning Applications Sub-Committee meetings for the remainder of the council year 2025/26 will be as follows (these meetings will be held via Zoom and will be advertised to the public and have a facility for public attendance):

Monday 28 July 2025

Monday 15 September 2025

Monday 8 December 2025

Monday 9 February 2026

## 2526 30 Remit and Priorities for HVPC Planning Committee 2025-2027

Following the appointment of committee members for the year 2025/26 at the Full Council meeting on 19 May 2025, the Planning Committee has a refreshed membership.

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**Resolved:** Defining the core remit and priorities for the Planning Committee 2025-2027 will be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.



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## 2526 31 Traffic Calming

### i. Kirklees Council Management of Speeding in the Holme Valley

Cllr Wilson gave updates on information received.

Resolved: A discussion on locations for SIDs will be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

### ii. School Parking Bollards

The Assistant Clerk reported that New Mill School have now received the parking bollards and they are in use. Feedback and photos of the bollards in use have been requested so that a news item can be published.

## 2526 32 Ongoing highways campaigns, including unmade roads, green lanes and byways of the Holme Valley

The ongoing campaigns are:

- i. Ramsden Road
- ii. Cartworth Moor Road
- iii. Cheesegate Nab/Scaly Gate

Cllrs Wilson gave updates on information received that the TROs have been delayed. Cllr Wilson will continue to follow up on developments.

## 2526 34 Planning Policy, Guidance and Consultation

### i. MMU PhD Study on the Social Sustainability of UK High Street

Holme Valley Parish Council has been invited to take part in a Manchester Metropolitan University PhD study on the social sustainability of UK high streets.

A meeting has been arranged with the student for 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 at 7pm, in the Exhibition Room.

**Action:** The Assistant Clerk will invite members of the Full Council and the Local Plan Reference Group (via Cllr Blacka).

**Action:** The Assistant Clerk will request briefing information from the PhD student to circulate to those who will be coming to the meeting.

### ii. Invite to be a case study in Town and Country Planning Association's online resource 'Practical Hope: Inspiration for Community Action'



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Holme Valley Parish Council has been approached by the Town and Country Planning Association to invite the council to be one of the featured case studies in their online resource.

Current case studies and an overview of the online resource can be found at:  
<https://www.tcpa.org.uk/collection/practical-hope-inspiration-for-community-action/>

**Action:** The Assistant Clerk will put the contact from the Town and Country Planning Association in touch with Cllrs Wilson and Blacka to explore and move forward with a feature case study for the “Practical Hope: Inspiration for Community Action’ online resource.

### iii. Updates to the UK planning system and Planning and Infrastructure Bill

**Noted:** The UK Government announced updates to the Planning and Infrastructure Bill effecting clean energy projects, reservoirs, railway lines, and other major infrastructure via a press release:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/planning-reforms-to-slash-a-year-off-infrastructure-delivery?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\\_source=ac6f6f90-5651-4a8e-990f-ebaafb05da39&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/planning-reforms-to-slash-a-year-off-infrastructure-delivery?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ac6f6f90-5651-4a8e-990f-ebaafb05da39&utm_content=daily)

**Noted:** A Planning Reform Working Paper: “Reforming Site Thresholds” has been released by the UK government relating to England only – Published 28 May 2025:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-reform-working-paper-reforming-site-thresholds/planning-reform-working-paper-reforming-site-thresholds#next-steps>

**Noted:** A Planning Reform Working Paper: “Speeding Up Build Out” has been released by the UK government relating to England only – Published 25 May 2025:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-reform-working-paper-speeding-up-build-out/planning-reform-working-paper-speeding-up-build-out>

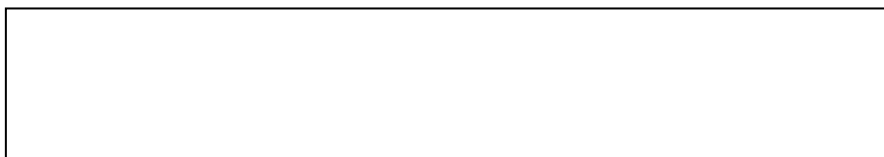
**Action:** Assistant Clerk to circulate the technical consultation on “Reform of planning committees” (England only), which was released by the UK Government on 28 May 2025 for individual personal responses by The Committee. The consultation is open until 23 July 2025 and can be accessed by the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reform-of-planning-committees-technical-consultation/reform-of-planning-committees-technical-consultation>

## 2526 35 Design Code

Cllr Ransby and the Assistant Clerk have been working towards a distribution list for the Design Code.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to draft an accompanying letter for businesses to go with the



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design code for the next meeting in August 2025.

**Action:** The Assistant Clerk and Cllr Ransby to continue to work on the distribution list for the design code with an aim to have a workable list by the meeting in August 2025.

## 2526 36 Holmfirth Town Centre Group

**Noted:** An update on the town centre access works from Kirklees Council via a news item was released on 19 June 2025:

<https://kirkleestogether.co.uk/2025/06/19/holmfirth-town-centre-access-plan-scheme-update-june-2025/>

Cllr Wilson gave updates on the Holmfirth town centre works and the appointment of a Programme Manager.

**Action:** Cllr Wilson will invite the new Holmfirth town centre Programme Manager to attend a meeting of the Full Council.

## 2526 37 Kirklees Local Plan Review

At a previous meeting on 15 July 2024 the committee **resolved** to form a Working Group consisting of Cllr Blacka (Chair), Cllr Ransby, Cllr Colling, and Cllr Wilson to coordinate the work around the Kirklees Local Plan Review and the response from Holme Valley Parish Council. Cllr Liles, Cllr Rylah and Cllr Whitelaw have since joined membership of this group and they are also working with a representative from Holme Valley Vision.

The Working Group have established a “Reference Group” and have invited local community groups with an interest in local community, business and the natural and built environments to support their contributions to the Kirklees Local Plan review.

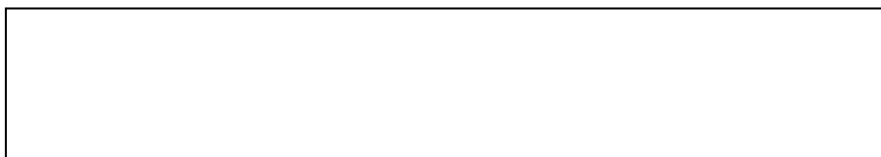
Cllr Blacka gave updates from the Working Group and Reference Group.

**Noted:** Notes from the Reference Group meetings of 25 April and 16 May 2025.

**Resolved:** Recommendation to Full Council that the Working Group and Reference Group on Kirklees Local Plan report to Full Council directly rather than the Planning Committee (this will be put to Full Council at the meeting on 8 September 2025).

## 2526 38 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Ransby sent notes to confirm he is continuing to work on the Holme Valley Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan actions.



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## 2526 39 Planning Standing Committee Expenditure against Budget and reserves 2024-25

**Noted:** The Planning Committee's expenditure against budget 2025-26 year to date:

- The Planning Committee has one budget line under its remit. This is 4505 Neighbourhood Plan. At the start of the 2025/26 Council year, the budget contained £2,500. No expenditure has come from this budget line.
- The Committee has oversight of the Design Guide EMR containing £1,500 for the design and printing of the Shop Front Design Guide Booklet. An invoice for the artwork and layout design has been received and paid for £1,120.00. £290 in the EMR was used to purchase printed copies.
- At a meeting of the Planning Committee on 28 April 2025 members **Resolved** to return the remaining £90 in the EMR to general reserves.

## 2526 40 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

The Assistant Clerk updated on recent and planned external communications activity.

Close 8.54pm



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Application Number	Proposed Development	Location	Link	HVPC Comment
2025/CL/91404/W	Prior notification for change of use of agricultural building to 2 dwellinghouses and associated building works or operations	Holt Farm, 35, Holt Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 3BW	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91404">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91404</a>	Support
2025/62/91292/W	Erection of first floor extension over existing garage	30, Farfield Avenue, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1TT	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91292">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91292</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/CL/91158/W	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed installation of solar panels to roof (within a Conservation Area)	Wooldale Community Centre, Robert Lane, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1XZ	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91158">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91158</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/91295/W	Erection of extension to existing summer house	Wickleden, Scholes Moor Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 1RU	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91295">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91295</a>	Support
2025/62/91343/W	Erection of side dormer extensions and associated alterations	28, St Mary's Rise, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3XW	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91343">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91343</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/91234/W	Erection of detached garden studio	Shaley Grange, Fearnley Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1UR	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91234">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91234</a>	Support
2025/N /91473/W	Overhead lines	Adj, Ashgrove House, 1, Summervale, Holmfirth, HD9 7AG	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91473">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91473</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/91371/W	Alterations to convert one dwelling to two dwellings (within a Conservation Area)	17, Town Gate, Upperthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UX	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91371">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91371</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/65/91200/W	Listed Building Consent for installation of fire rated steel oil tank	1, Flush House Lane, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2QY	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91200">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91200</a>	Support
2025/62/91199/W	Installation of fire rated steel oil tank (Listed Building)	1, Flush House Lane, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2QY	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91199">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91199</a>	Support



2025/62/90932/W	Re-roofing and installation of solar panels (within a Conservation Area)	The Old Manse, 46, Upperthong Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 3BQ	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90932">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90932</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/91405/W	Erection of single storey side and rear extension and alterations	26, Butt Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1HT	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91405">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91405</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/91373/W	Erection of single storey side extension and solar panels to roof	Hill Top Farm, Weather Hill Lane, Cartworth Moor, Holmfirth, HD9 2SF	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91373">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91373</a>	Support
2025/62/91418/W	Change of use from commercial/business/service (use class F1) to one dwelling (use class C3) (within a Conservation Area)	106, School Street, Holmfirth, HD9 7EQ	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91418">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91418</a>	Support, but would prefer to see a more developed Climate Change Statement.
2025/CL/91416/W	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of single storey rear extension	8, Tor View, Brockholes, Holmfirth, HD9 7BQ	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91416">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91416</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/60/91464/W	Outline application for erection of residential development (one dwelling)	Land Off, Ryecroft Lane, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1ST	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91464">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91464</a>	Oppose, this development is inappropriate in the Green Belt.
2025/62/91488/W	Use of land for siting of shepherds hut for self-catering accommodation with associated parking and landscaping	Barnside Farm, Barnside Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1TN	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91488">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91488</a>	Oppose, this type of non-traditional structure is not appropriate for development in the Green Belt. There are also access issues associated with this site.
2025/62/91430/W	Garage conversion, formation of new openings, installation of roof lights and associated alterations (within a Conservation Area)	Mugup Barn, Mugup Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1TE	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91430">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91430</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/91539/W	Erection of two storey side extension with porch and associated alterations	32, Bradshaw Avenue, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6ET	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91539">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91539</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.

2025/62/91574/W	Erection of detached dwelling	Land adj, Fern Bank, Far End Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6NS	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91574">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91574</a>	Support but would like to see improved climate mitigation.
2025/70/91563/W	Variation of condition 2 (plans) on previous permission 2024/93099 for erection of rear extensions and single storey outbuilding	53, Gynn Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6LF	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91563">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91563</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/91370/W	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 50 dwellings with associated access, infrastructure and associated works	Land at, Gynn Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6LF	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91370">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91370</a>	Oppose: See accompanying statement.
2025/62/91442/W	Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey front and side extensions and associated alterations	34, Moor Lane, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UW	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91442">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91442</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/91298/W	Erection of two storey rear extension and front porch	8, Sycamore Rise, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 7TJ	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91298">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91298</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/91562/W	Erection of garden pod	Moorfield House Farm, Bradshaw Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6RJ	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91562">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91562</a>	Support
2025/62/91635/W	Erection of single storey extension to rear, alterations to the roof of the existing dwelling to create pitched roof above existing flat roof to create habitable rooms within the roof space, removal of dormer to rear and construction of pitched roof dormer to rear and associated works	12, Town End Avenue, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1QW	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91635">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91635</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.

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### **Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 50 dwellings with associated access, infrastructure and associated works**

**Site Address: Land at Gynn Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6LF**

Holme Valley Parish Council's Planning Committee wish to object to the above planning application. This objection reflects a significant number of legitimate concerns raised by residents, many of whom have made representations to the Committee to express their views. The Parish Council wishes to support the community in voicing these concerns.

#### **Highways and Traffic Safety**

There is widespread concern about the proposed access to the site, which lies on a bend with poor visibility on a relatively minor lane. The addition of potentially 100-150 vehicles from 50 new homes would place unsustainable pressure on Gynn Lane. The junction of Gynn Lane with the A616 is already under strain, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times, with illegal parking contributing to the issue. It has come to our attention that the traffic survey may have been undertaken during school holidays, so is unlikely to represent a true reflection of normal traffic volumes. The Committee strongly recommends an independent survey be carried out during term time. The current proposals would require significant work on sight lines and traffic calming to be considered safe.

#### **Land Stability and Former Mining Activity**

Residents have raised credible concerns about the historic mining activity on and adjacent to the site. Several nearby existing homes are sited above former mine shafts, and the structural integrity of these properties may be put at risk by ground disturbance and increased ground water pressure associated with the development. The Committee does not believe the submitted materials adequately assess or mitigate these risks at this time.

#### **Flooding and Drainage**

The site lies within an area that already experiences regular flooding. The playing fields below are often waterlogged, and surrounding roads and properties are susceptible to surface water issues following heavy rainfall. The addition of impermeable surfaces across the development would likely exacerbate these problems. Residents report that the drainage strategy seems to focus on the proposed site rather than the consequential effects for the adjacent areas. Could S106 funding be made available for rectifying this?

#### **Public Consultation**

Many residents felt unaware of the application due to limited and inconsistently posted site notices, some of which have subsequently been removed. Given the scale and potential impact of the proposal, residents have communicated to the Parish Council that they believe the consultation process has not been sufficient. Residents deserve a fair opportunity to engage in local planning decisions.

#### **Environmental and Conservation Concerns**

The development risks damaging local biodiversity. Badgers are known to inhabit the area, and although several trees are subject to Tree Preservation Orders, only one is currently marked for

retention. The wider area has benefitted from conservation efforts by groups such as River Holme Connections—initiatives that could be undone by this application. Furthermore, the Committee is not satisfied that ecological consultee feedback has been properly addressed.

### **Construction Impacts and Access**

The roads surrounding the site are narrow and unsuitable for large vehicles. The plan to manage construction traffic is currently unclear. When considering waste collection during and after completion; access should be considered from both directions, not limited to the current one-way flow on Gynn Lane.

### **Final Comments**

In light of the above, Holme Valley Parish Council objects to this application. We believe the development, in its current form, would pose unacceptable risks to public safety, infrastructure, heritage, and the environment. Holme Valley Parish Council respectfully urges Kirklees Council to reject this application unless these matters can be comprehensively addressed in collaboration with the local community.

Application No	Proposed Development	Location	Link	HVPC Comment
2025/62/91371/W	Alterations to convert one dwelling to two dwellings (within a Conservation Area)	17, Town Gate, Upperthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UX	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91371">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91371</a>	Support
2025/62/91672/W	Erection of balcony over existing single storey extension to side	450, Dunford Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 2RT	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91672">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91672</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/70/91643/W	Removal of condition 10 (requirement to provide a dry riser) on previous permission 2020/90499 for alterations to convert church to dwelling	Former St Andrews Church, Miry Lane, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7RS	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91643">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91643</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/65/91699/W	Listed Building Consent for replacement of existing sash casements (to sit in existing/retained window frames) (within a Conservation Area)	64, Wooldale Road, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1QG	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91699">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91699</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/44/91731/W	Discharge of details reserved by conditions 12 (pedestrian connection), 13 (cycle parking), 15 (collection of wastes), 21 (Remediation Strategy), 23 (external materials), 24 (windows and doors), 25 (electricity substations), 26 (boundary treatments), 27 (external lighting) on previous permission 2023/91212 for erection of 21 dwellings with access from Laithe Avenue	Land off, Bankfield Drive, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2PH	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91731">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91731</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/91486/W	Erection of single storey front extension (within a Conservation Area)	17, Thirstin Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JG	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91486">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91486</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.

			<a href="#">25/91486</a>	
<b>2025/62/91739/W</b>	Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension, rear dormer extension and associated alterations	74, Brockholes Lane, Brockholes, Holmfirth, HD9 7EB	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91739">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91739</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
<b>2025/CL/91651/W</b>	Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of mobile caravan for the purposes of a holiday let	Caravan, Greave Farm, Greave Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 2AQ	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91651">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91651</a>	Oppose. Under the 4 year rule applicants need to produce clear and uninterrupted evidence that the property has been in the <b>same continuous use</b> for at least 4 years prior to 25/4/2024.
<b>2025/65/90636/W</b>	Listed Building Consent for alterations to attached building to extend living accommodation, installation of replacement doors and windows, external and internal alterations (within a Conservation Area)	12, Oldfield, Oldfield Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6RL	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90636">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90636</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees Listed Building officers.
<b>2025/62/90635/W</b>	Alterations to attached building to extend living accommodation, installation of replacement doors and windows, external and internal alterations (Listed Building within a Conservation Area)	12, Oldfield, Oldfield Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6RL	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90635">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90635</a>	Support
<b>2025/65/91764/W</b>	Listed Building Consent for replacement windows, doors and front external wall (retrospective) (within a Conservation Area)	8, Giles Street, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3EF	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91764">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91764</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
<b>2025/62/91763/W</b>	Replacement windows, doors and front external wall (retrospective) (Listed Building within a Conservation Area)	8, Giles Street, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3EF	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91763">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91763</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.

<b>2024/62/93494/W</b>	(amended plans) Erection of restaurant/café/bar, six guest rooms, exhibition/interpretation room, WCs, terrace, car parking and ancillary accommodation	Victoria Tower, Castle Hill, Lumb Lane, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD4 6TA	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2024/93494">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2024/93494</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
<b>2025/62/91750/W</b>	Erection of detached outbuilding	Heather Bank, New Mill Road, Holmfirth, HD9 7LN	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91750">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91750</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
<b>2025/62/91786/W</b>	Erection of extensions and alterations	Brookside, 67, Hall Ing Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QW	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91786">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91786</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
<b>2025/62/91736/W</b>	Erection of agricultural (livestock) building	Long Ing Banks Farm, Long Ing Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 2TG	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91736">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91736</a>	Support
<b>2025/N /91879/W</b>	Prior notification for erection of agricultural building	Foster Place Farm, Foster Place Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 7TN	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91879">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91879</a>	Support
<b>2025/62/91812/W</b>	Erection of single storey rear extension, two storey side extension and associated alterations	Spring House Farm, Wall Nook Lane, Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8YB	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91812">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91812</a>	Support
<b>2025/70/91332/W</b>	Variation of conditions 2 (plans), 3 (materials) on previous permission 2011/92866 for erection of two storey side extension	11, Woodlands Avenue, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7SP	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91332">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91332</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
<b>2025/62/91851/W</b>	rection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension to garage with associated alterations	Moss Edge Farm, Moss Edge Road, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2SD	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91851">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91851</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.

			<a href="#">25/91851</a>	
<b>2025/62/91894/W</b>	Replacement of timber windows with UPVC windows (retrospective) (within a Conservation Area)	23, Wooldale Road, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1QN	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91894">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91894</a>	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.



HVPC Reference	Application No	Proposed Development	Location	Link
2526/05/01	2025/62/91883/W	Erection of first floor rear extension (within a Conservation Area)	1-2, Well Hill, Underbank Old Road, Holmfirth, HD9 1EG	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91883">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91883</a>
2526/05/02	2025/62/91149/W	Conversion of existing barn and outbuilding to form single dwelling, erection of new detached stables and implements store	land at, Yew Tree Lane, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2NR	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91149">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91149</a>
2526/05/03	2025/62/91760/W	Erection of agricultural building, fencing, retaining wall and associated works (retrospective)	Town End Farm, 17, Flush House Lane, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2QY	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91760">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91760</a>
2526/05/04	2025/70/91982/W	Variation of condition 2 (plans) on previous permission 2024/91141 for erection of single storey lean-to extension, internal refurbishment, erection of accessible ramps and patio area	Honley Library, West Avenue, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6HF	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91982">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91982</a>
2526/05/05	2025/65/91799/W	Listed Building Consent to dismantle and rebuild chimney (within a Conservation Area)	13, Well Hill, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JF	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91799">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91799</a>
2526/05/06	2025/62/91995/W	Erection of agricultural building	Granby Farm, 20, Woodbottom Road, Netherthorpe, Huddersfield, HD4 7DJ	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91995">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91995</a>
2526/05/07	2025/62/91989/W	Erection of detached dwelling	adj, 1, Longlands Bank, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7HR	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91989">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91989</a>
2526/05/08	2025/62/92016/W	Erection of two storey side extension and associated alterations	5, Moor Lane, Netherthorpe, Holmfirth, HD9 3UW	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92016">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92016</a>
2526/05/09	2025/CL/92054/W	Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of outbuilding for enjoyment of the dwelling	Upper House, Upper House Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 1RW	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92054">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92054</a>

<b>2526/05/10</b>	2025/62/91905/W	Erection of temporary veterinary surgery and associated works	Land at, Woodhead Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6PU	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91905">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91905</a>
<b>2526/05/11</b>	2025/62/92032/W	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and associated alterations	18, Bradshaw Drive, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6EU	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92032">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92032</a>
<b>2526/05/12</b>	2025/62/92082/W	Change of use from garage to holiday let and erection of extension with associated alterations	Windycroft, New Mill Road, Holmfirth, HD9 7LN	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92082">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92082</a>
<b>2526/05/13</b>	2025/62/92084/W	Formation of new windows in South facing elevation for offices within existing premises	Deanhouse Interiors Limited, Unit 2, Queens Square, Huddersfield Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QZ	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92084">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92084</a>
<b>2526/05/14</b>	2025/62/92078/W	Removal of existing detached garage and erection of two storey side extension with associated alterations	9, Daleside Avenue, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 1LT	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92078">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92078</a>
<b>2526/05/15</b>	2025/70/92101/W	Variation of condition 2 (render finish) on previous permission 2024/90212 for external works including raised terracing to rear garden	3, Holt Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 3BW	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92101">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92101</a>
<b>2526/05/16</b>	2025/N /92175/W	Overhead lines application for replacement of existing open wire conductors in favour of aerial bunched conductor	Land at, Brockholes Lane, Brockholes, Holmfirth, HD9 7EB	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92175">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92175</a>
<b>2526/05/17</b>	2025/62/92109/W	Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side extension and formation of enlarged opening to rear	30, Sheardale, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6RU	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92109">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92109</a>
<b>2526/05/18</b>	2025/62/92164/W	Removal of existing single storey side extension and erection of two storey side extension and associated alterations	16, Butterley Lane, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7EZ	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92164">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92164</a>
<b>2526/05/19</b>	2025/62/92212/W	Replacement of perimeter fencing and gates with the addition of 2.4m high anti-climb fencing and gates	Scholes Junior And Infant School, Wadman Road, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1SZ	<a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92212">http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/92212</a>

## HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTION 119

### Holmfirth 6 Public Bridleway (part) at Seventy Acre Farm, Meltham Road, Honley

#### Public Path Diversion Application: Statement of Reasons

Under the Highways Act 1980, local authorities have the power to make orders to create, divert or extinguish public rights of way.

Kirklees Council has received an application to divert part of Holmfirth 6 public bridleway at Seventy Acre Farm, Meltham Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6RG. Grid reference: SE 12546 11338.

The proposed diversion is being sought by the applicant under [section 119 of the Highways Act 1980](#) on the grounds that it is in the interest of the landowner.

Holmfirth 6 public bridleway has a definitive width of 2.7 metres and runs north to south at Seventy Acre Farm. It is coextensive with a 5.5 metre (approx.) wide access track historically used by farm traffic serving Seventy Acre Farm. It has a rough aggregate surface and is enclosed by drystone walls.

The application to divert part of Holmfirth 6 public bridleway is associated with planning consent [2023/92075](#) dated 22 August 2024 for the conversion of a former farmstead at Seventy Acre Farm to a residential development of one existing dwelling and ten new dwellings. The farm access track will be upgraded to serve as a private access road to the new development.

The diversion application proposes to stop up the part of Holmfirth 6 public bridleway which is coextensive with the access to the new development and construct a new public bridleway immediately adjacent and parallel to the east.

As shown in the design plan, the new public bridleway is proposed to be 4 metres wide. It will be constructed with a geotextile membrane and a surface of locally sourced crushed sandstone. It will be fenced on either side with posts and rails to a height of 1.5 metres. At its junction with Meltham Road a square holding area 7 metres by 6.28 metres by 4.57 metres will be created to provide sufficient manoeuvring space for bridleway users with a 2 metre flexipave surface to transition from crushed sandstone to tarmac. A 20 metre dry stone wall will be constructed at its southern most edge.

The length (approximately 200 metres) of public bridleway to be stopped up commences at point A at its junction with Meltham Road and continues to point B approximately 20 metres north of Seventy Acre Farm as shown by the bold solid line A to B on the diversion consultation plan.

The length (approximately 210 metres) of public bridleway to be created commences at point C at its junction with Meltham Road and continues to point D approximately 30 metres north of Seventy Acre Farm as shown by the bold dashed line C to D on the diversion consultation plan.

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Under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, the Council will need to be satisfied that the diversion proposal complies with the following grounds and tests as provided for under [section 119 of the Highways Act 1980](#), as follows:

- It appears expedient that the path should be diverted on the grounds that it is in the interest of the landowner or the public.
- The end points of the diversion are on the same highway or one connected to it and are substantially as convenient as at present.
- The necessary works to implement the proposed path will be undertaken.
- The proposed path will not be substantially less convenient and will not have an undue effect on public enjoyment of the path as a whole.
- Kirklees Council will have to consider the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

**Please note that this public notice forms part of the preliminary consultation on the applicant's proposal and that no decision on the diversion application has yet been made by the Council.**

The public notice, statement of reasons, and consultation plan are available on Kirklees Council's website at

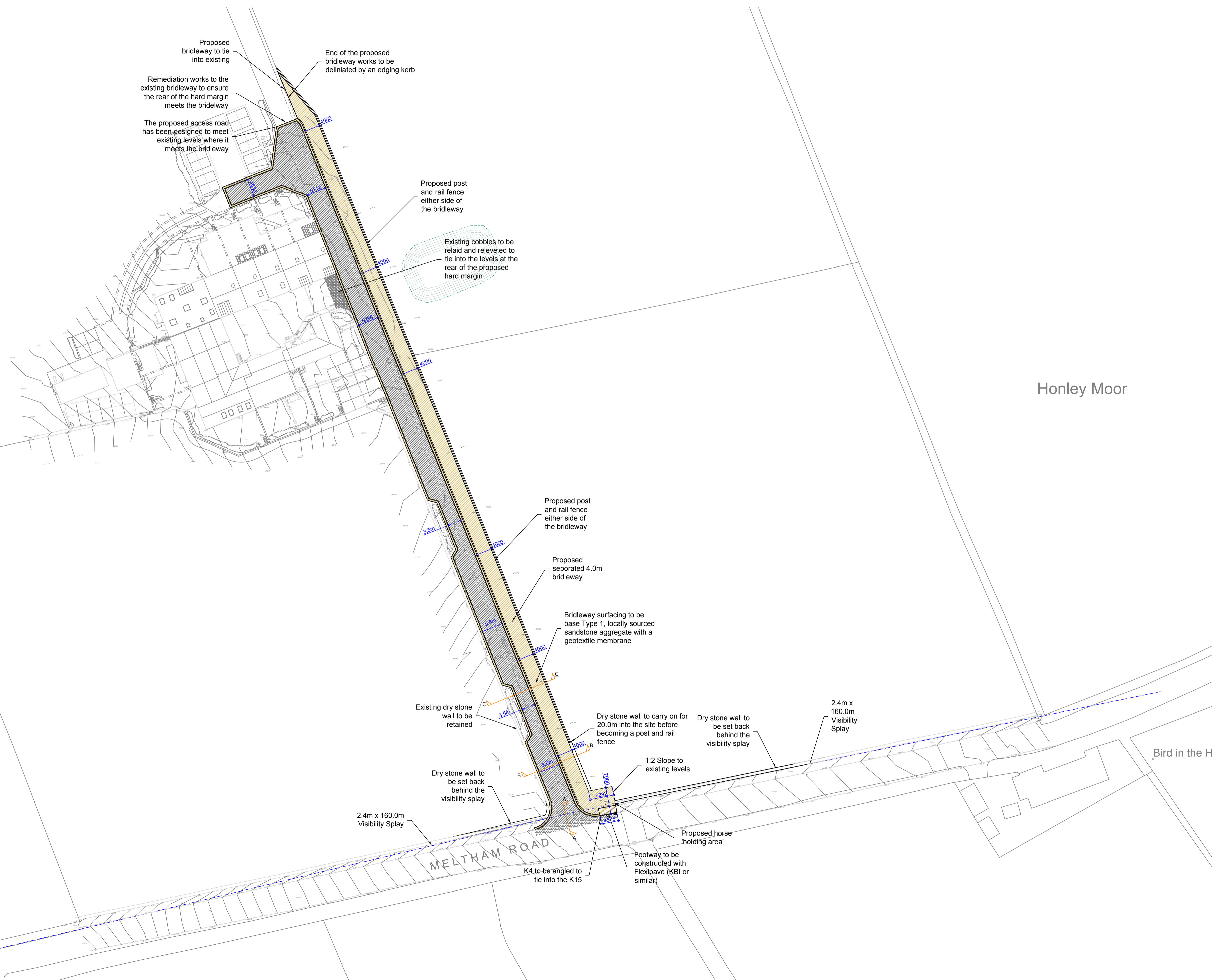
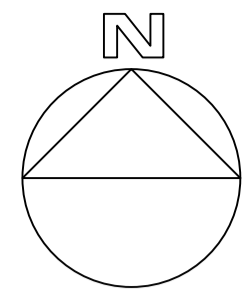
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Please send any comments you may have on the proposed diversion in writing by 4 August 2025 to Kirklees Council, Public Rights of Way, PO Box 1720, Huddersfield, HD1 9EL or by email to [publicrightsofway@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:publicrightsofway@kirklees.gov.uk).

Enquiries only may be made by telephone on 01484 221000 and please ask for the Council officer by name. The contact is Deborah Stephenson, Assistant Definitive Map Officer.

**If you need information on our website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille contact email:**

[web.development@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:web.development@kirklees.gov.uk) Tel: 01484 221000



Honley Moor

- General Notes**
- This drawing should not be scaled for setting out purposes.
  - This drawing shows the detailed design only and is subject to Local Authority approval.
  - This drawing is based upon a topographical / ordnance survey provided by others.
  - This drawing is to be read in conjunction with all other relevant drawings.
  - Any conflict between the details shown on this drawing and those of any other related drawings should be noted to the engineer prior to construction on site.
  - All dimensions are in millimetres unless otherwise stated.

- Construction Notes**
- All levels to be confirmed on site prior to commencement of any works.
  - Any existing utility covers retained are to be adjusted to suit proposed levels – cover class to be upgraded if required.
  - Any existing utility covers that are damaged will require renewing and resetting.
  - Gullies located in shared use surfaces must have suitable pedestrian and cyclist friendly covers. The openings in gully gratings must not align with cyclists anticipated wheel tracks.
  - Any soft areas will require excavating until firm ground is found and backfilling with a 6F2 material and to be compacted in 150mm layers.
  - Proposals assume a CBR of 2% – CBR tests to be undertaken by others for actual values and construction altered to suit.

- Kerbing Notes**
- Suitable transition kerbs shall be used at all changes in kerb face.
  - For radii of 12m or less – kerbs of the appropriate radius shall be used. For radii 12m and above – straight kerbs 600mm long shall be used.
  - The length of any kerb shall not be less than 450mm.



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**Proposed diversion of Holmfirth 6 (part) public bridleway at Seventy Acre Farm, Meltham Road, Honley  
Highways Act 1980, section 119**



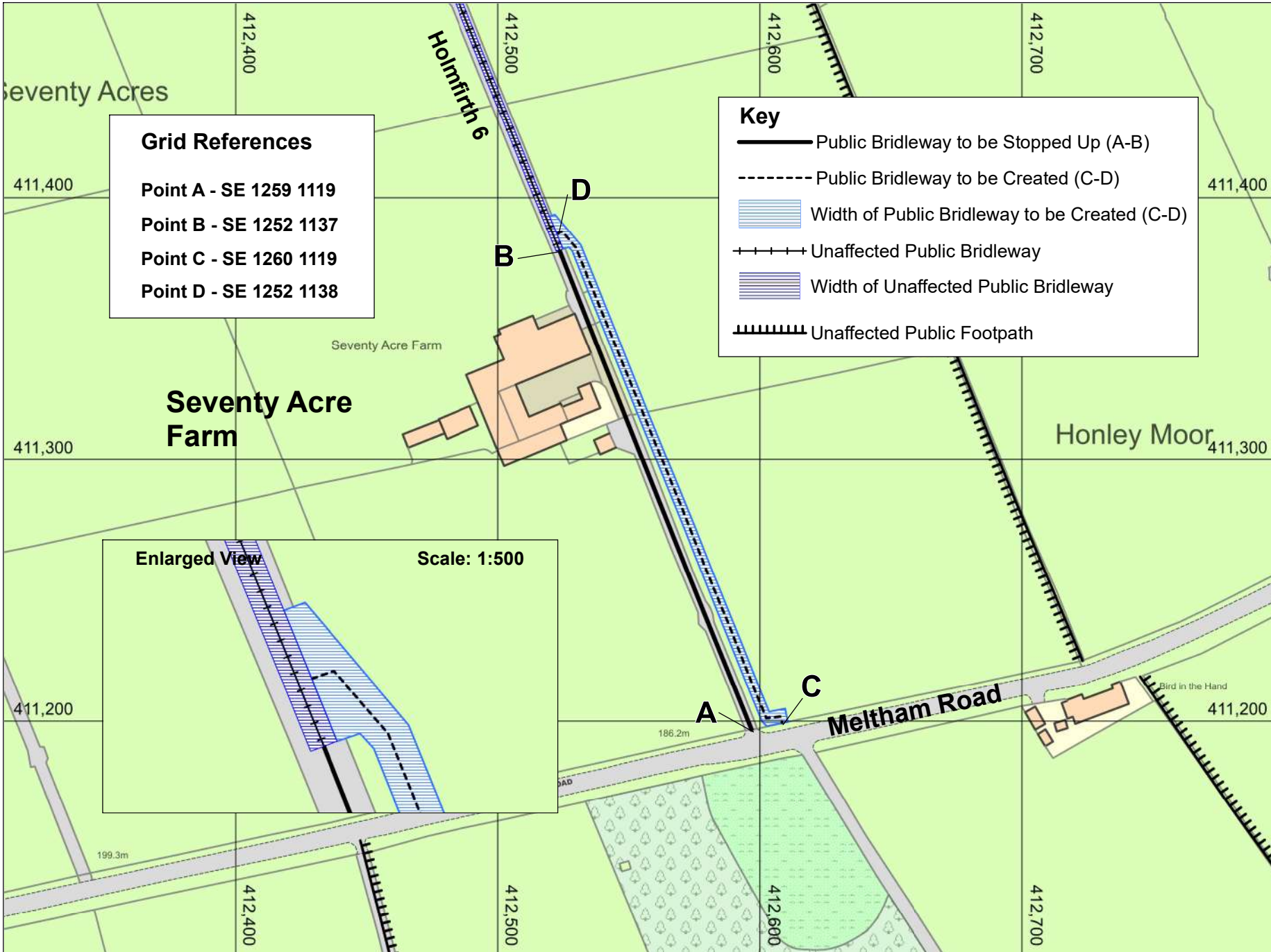
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**Holme Valley Parish Council**  
**Planning Applications Sub-committee**  
**Terms of Reference**

**1. Purpose**

The Planning Applications Sub-committee is established to consider planning applications received from the principal authorities—Kirklees Council and the Peak District National Park Authority—during the interim period between Planning Committee meetings. The Sub-committee enables the Parish Council to provide timely comments on planning matters within statutory consultation periods.

**2. Responsibilities**

The Sub-committee will:

- Review planning applications referred by the Chair of the Planning Committee in accordance with the Committee's agreed criteria.
- Consider each application and formulate comments that reflect Council planning policies and community interests.
- Submit those comments to the Planning Committee Chair (or Vice chair in their absence), who will forward them to the proper officer, who will then submit them to the Principal Planning Authority.
- Promote transparency and enable public engagement by publishing the list of applications and the meeting link in advance via the proper officer.

**3. Membership and Quorum**

- Membership shall comprise Parish Councillors appointed by the Planning Committee or Full Council.
- A quorum of **three Councillors** is required for the meeting to proceed.
- The Sub-committee meetings will be chaired by the Planning Committee Chair and Vice Chair in their absence.

**4. Role of the Chair of the Planning Committee**

- The Chair of the Planning Committee will filter applications for consideration based on the Committee's agreed criteria.
- After the Sub-committee has considered applications, the Chair will collate and send the agreed comments to the officer **as soon as practicable after the meeting** for submission to the relevant authority.

**5. Meetings and Public Access**

- Meetings will be scheduled as needed and held remotely via video conference.
- The list of planning applications to be considered will be circulated to Sub-committee members at least **four working days** prior to the meeting.
- This list and the video conference link will be published on the Parish Council's website to allow for public observation, with a notification also on Social Media.

- Members of the public may submit written comments, or attend the video conference to contribute their comments to the discussion.

#### **6. Reporting and Accountability**

- Comments submitted to principal authorities will be reported to the next Planning Committee meeting for retrospective endorsement.
- A record of all comments submitted will be included in the Planning Committee minutes.



# Joint statement on walking, wheeling and cycling

We, the Mayors of England's Combined Authorities, will work together to improve our streets for everyone, for the benefit of the health, wellbeing and connectedness of our communities.

This commitment to walking, wheeling and cycling, with a first focus on the school run, will help get **20 million people more active daily** and create more than **3,500 miles of safer routes** connecting schools with local neighbourhoods, high streets and transport hubs.

We are doing this as part of wider plans to fully integrate our transport networks, to deliver new housing and to further cement local economic growth.

We commit to:

- Work with the Department for Transport, Active Travel England and our local authorities to create a **country-wide national walking, wheeling and cycling network, comprising of local networks that are safe and easy to use**. This will give millions of people across England the choice to use high quality, safe routes in their communities.
- **Transform the school run** by delivering high-quality, safer routes in neighbourhoods nationwide.
- Deliver region-wide **integrated transport networks by giving people easy walking, wheeling and cycling access to buses, trams and trains** which will in turn help deliver new housing and support local economic growth.

Together, we can transform our regions and deliver increased transport choice, sustainable public transport, boost local economies and give our younger generation access to opportunity.

Signed,



**Tracy Brabin,**  
Mayor of  
West Yorkshire



**Paul Bristow,**  
Mayor of Cambridgeshire  
and Peterborough



**Andy Burnham,**  
Mayor of Greater  
Manchester



**Luke Campbell,**  
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**Oliver Coppard,**  
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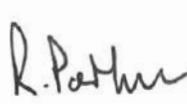
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23 July 2025

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## **Society of Local Council Clerks – Reform of planning committees: technical consultation**

Thank you for giving the Society of Local Council Clerks the opportunity to comment on this important consultation document.

The Society of Local Council Clerks is the professional body representing town and parish council clerks in England and Wales. More than 4,000 local council clerks are in membership serving over 6,000 town and parish councils throughout England and Wales. Influencing, shaping and guiding the planning system is a high priority for many of our members. This issue is, therefore, of special significance and importance to the society and its members.

In formulating this response, we have consulted widely with our members. We have also urged them to respond individually.

We have concentrated on those questions that are of the greatest relevance and significance to the sector. Taking each question in turn.

### **Question 1: Do you agree with the principle of having a two tier structure for the national scheme of delegation?**

No. We fundamentally disagree with the principle. It represents a severe erosion of local democratic decision making and associated transparency and accountability, especially as it will significantly reduce the opportunity for input and participation for local communities and people in planning decisions – decisions that often will have a significant impact on their communities and quality of life.

We are especially concerned that it would severely limit the influence of local councils, who are often best placed to understand the very local impact of proposed developments and reflect the views and aspirations of residents in the planning decision making process.

Can we say that we are not convinced that the proposals are required, especially given that over 90% (and a growing proportion) of planning applications already are determined under delegated authority from the local planning authority, the vast majority of which are approved and a decision made in the agreed timescale. In addition, the Government already has processes in place to sanction any local planning authority it considers is not determining planning applications quickly enough.

We are particularly concerned by the proposal to remove the ability of local councils and others to refer/request planning applications to planning committee through a 'call in' process. It is established practice that a local council and others have the right to request that certain applications of local importance be considered by the planning committee where there are sound planning reasons for doing so. This is an essential and effective mechanism

that ensures local concerns — especially on controversial or sensitive applications — are given proper scrutiny in a transparent, public setting. It is imperative that the ‘call-in’ mechanism is retained, not only to maintain trust and confidence in the planning system, but also as a vital safeguard for local democratic accountability.

If such applications are delegated, without a means of referral to committee, communities will lose their ability to influence, be involved and be a part of decisions. This would, therefore, erode local oversight and confidence in planning decision making and could further increase resistance to new development as a result.

We are also deeply concerned that the focus on delegating planning decisions and, in turn, reducing the number of planning applications that go to planning committee will reduce and erode the right of local councils and others to attend planning committees and have the opportunity to speak at them.

**Question 2: Do you agree the following application types should fall within Tier A?**

- **applications for planning permission for:**
- **Householder development**
- **Minor commercial development**
- **Minor residential development**
- **applications for reserved matter approvals**
- **applications for non-material amendments to planning permissions**
- **applications for the approval of conditions including Schedule 5 mineral planning conditions**
- **applications for approval of the BNG Plan**
- **applications for approval of prior approval (for permitted development rights)**
- **applications for lawful development certificates**
- **applications for a Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development**

No, we do not agree with the principle. Should the Government be minded to introduce such guidance, it should be in the form of guidelines rather than mandatory. Local planning authorities should have the discretion to determine which applications should fall within Tier A. We do not consider that a one size fits all approach is necessary nor workable. While a minor development of nine homes may not be complex or controversial in one geographic area, it may be in another, for example, in a very small village, or where it is in or close to a Listed Building or other sensitive location. It is critical that local authorities have the ability to exercise local discretion in determining which types of applications are dealt with under delegated powers and which go to planning committee.

Notwithstanding our objections, should it be considered necessary to introduce such a scheme, it is imperative that it includes a call in mechanism for the reasons stated above.

**Question 3: Do you think, further to the working paper on revising development thresholds, we should consider including some applications for medium residential development (10-50 dwellings) within Tier A? If so, what types of application?**

We have no strong views on this question.

**Question 4: Are there further types of application which should fall within Tier A?**

We have no strong views on this question.

**Question 5: Do you think there should be a mechanism to bring a Tier A application to committee in exceptional circumstances? If so, what would those circumstances be and how would the mechanism operate?**

Yes, it is critical that there is a mechanism to bring a Tier A application to committee in exceptional circumstances – through a ‘call-in’ system or similar. This is to ensure that planning continues to be seen as part of the democratic process, and to ensure residents and communities have the opportunity to be involved in the decision making process.

In terms of what circumstances, we do not consider this should be based on a number of objections, especially as often this will be seen as a target to be achieved. A much more considered approach is required. Any such guidance should make specific reference to the role and contribution of parish councils.

Parish councils have a key role to play in the planning system, are statutory consultees in the planning process and must be informed of all planning applications and any amendments to those applications, within the parish. They are the forefront of the preparation of neighbourhood plans, which form part of the statutory development plan system. They are the grass roots of local community democracy and the first tier of local government, who are often best placed to understand the local impact of proposed developments and reflect the views of residents. Their key role should be reflected, and recognised, in the mechanism. This should include a presumption that, were the affected parish council requests based on solid planning grounds, a Tier A application be brought to a planning committee so that this happens. Many local authorities successfully operate such a model to some success.

**Question 6: Do you think the gateway test which requires agreement between the chief planner and the chair of the planning committee is suitable? If not, what other mechanism would you suggest?**

We have no strong views on this question.

**Question 7: Do you agree that the following types of application should fall within Tier B?**

**a) Applications for planning permission aside from:**

- **Householder applications**
- **Minor commercial applications**
- **Minor residential development applications**

**b) notwithstanding a), any application for planning permission where the applicant is the local authority, a councillor or officer**

**c) applications for s73 applications to vary conditions/s73B applications to vary permissions**

We have no strong views on this question.

**Question 8: Are there further types of application which should fall within Tier B?**

We have no strong views on this question.

**Question 9: Do you consider that special control applications should be included in:**

- Tier A or
- Tier B?

We have no strong views on this question.

**Question 10: Do you think that all section 106 decisions should follow the treatment of the associated planning applications? For section 106 decisions not linked to a planning application should they be in Tier A or Tier B, or treated in some other way?**

Yes, in principle subject to our earlier point (see answer to question 2) about retaining local discretions to respond to local needs and circumstances.

**Question 11: Do you think that enforcement decisions should be in Tier A or Tier B, or treated in some other way?**

We have no strong views on this question.

**Question 12: Do you agree that the regulations should set a maximum for planning committees of 11 members?**

No, we do not consider this as necessary nor appropriate. Similar to our early points we consider that this is best determined at the local level.

In particular, we are concerned, especially in larger unitary authorities, that such a small size of planning committee members would mean that the committee and its members are viewed as not representative, democratically accountable and generally not attuned to the views and needs of the various communities within it. This would then reduce confidence and accountability in the planning system.

**Question 13: If you do not agree, what if any alternative size restrictions should be placed on committees?**

We do not consider that any national restrictions should be placed on the size of planning committees, especially the small numbers proposed. We consider this is best determined at the local level having regard to local priorities and circumstances.

Government may wish to publish advisory guidance on planning committee size, but we do not consider it necessary nor desirable to make this mandatory.

**Question 14: Do you think the regulations should additionally set a minimum size requirement?**

No, see our answer to 13.

**Question 15: Do you agree that certification of planning committee members, and of other relevant decisions makers, should be administered at a national level?**

Yes. The training and certification of planning committee members is supported, in principle, at a national level for the reasons stated. We see some value in this. This should not be limited to national policy and planning law, but must also include comprehensive briefings on local development documents, especially neighbourhood plans.

This requirement should be ongoing in the form of continuous professional development or similar.

**Question 16: Do you think we should consider reviewing the thresholds for quality of decision making in the performance regime to ensure the highest standards of decision making are maintained?**

We have no strong views on this question.

**Question 17: For quality of decision making the current threshold is 10% for major and non-major applications. We are proposing that in the future the threshold could be lowered to 5% for both. Do you agree?**

We have no strong views on this question.

**Question 18: Do you have any views on the implications of the proposals in this consultation for you, or the group or business you represent, and on anyone with a relevant protected characteristic? If so, please explain who, which groups, including those with protected characteristics, or which businesses may be impacted and how.**

We have no strong views on this question.

**Question 19: Is there anything that could be done to mitigate any impact identified?**

We have no strong views on this question.

**Question 20: Do you have any views on the implications of these proposals for the considerations of the 5 environmental principles identified in the Environment Act 2021?**

We have no strong views on this question.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment upon this important consultation. If it would be helpful, the Society will be pleased to meet with or speak to officials to explain in more detail its points and observations over this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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National Planning Advisor

Society of Local Council Clerks

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**Dear Business Owner,**

We're proud of the distinctive charm and character that make our town and village centres in the Holme Valley so special. Every shop front, building, and public space contributes to the identity of our area.

To help support this shared character, we've created ***A Shopfront Design Guide***. This is not a set of rules, but a friendly resource that all businesses are receiving, whether or not you have any changes planned. The guide offers ideas and inspiration that you may wish to draw on in the future, whether for a simple refresh, new signage, or a full redesign.

It's about maintaining the welcoming look and feel of our centres while giving plenty of room for individual style. By reflecting the traditional features, scale, materials, and architecture typical of the Holme Valley, we can keep our town and village centres vibrant and inviting for everyone who lives, works, and visits here.

Thank you for the part you already play in making the Holme Valley such a great place. We hope you find the guide interesting and useful.

**With warm regards,  
Holme Valley Parish Council**





## **Holme Valley Parish Council**

### **Reference Group on the Kirklees Council Local Plan Update**

#### **Notes of a meeting on 20 June '25**

**Present:** Adrian Barraclough (River Holme Connections), Mary Blacka - CHAIR (HVPC), Pat Colling (HVPC), Amanda Crawshaw (Longley Farm Estates), Stan Driver (Holmfirth Conservation Group), Caroline Godin (Honley Business Association), John Queening (EcoHolmes), Steve Ransby (HVPC), Sarah Whitelaw (HVPC), Andy Wilson (HVPC)

**Apologies:** Margaret Dale (Holme Valley Vision), Harry Davies (HVPC), Cllr Jane Rylah, David Hardy (Honley Village Community Trust CIO), Margaret Wadsworth (Honley Village Community Trust CIO), Sarah Wells (Penistone Line Partnership)

#### **1. Welcome and introductions**

All were welcomed to the meeting, especially Amanda Crawshaw (Longley Farm & Estates) and Caroline Godin (Honley Business Association), who were attending for the first time.

#### **2. Notes of the previous meeting, 15 May '25**

The notes were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising from the notes were:

- Item 3: Mary Blacka would check again with Cllr Jane Rylah, whether the briefing on housing needs assessment, given to Kirklees Councillors, could be shared with the Reference Group.
- Item 6&7: As agreed at the last meeting, Mary had drafted document setting out, ideally, what the sub-groups should be doing now. So far this had only been circulated to members of the internal HVPC Working Group. As there had been no suggestions for changes, the document would be circulated with the notes of the current meeting.

#### **3. Characteristics of areas for housing development**

The draft document, produced at the last meeting had been circulated with the papers for the meeting. Two amendments were suggested and have been incorporated in a revised draft.

#### **4. Re-allocation of subject areas**

The list of subject areas and responsibilities, was discussed at the previous meeting. A revised list was circulated with the papers for the meeting. Further revisions were made

and the latest version will be circulated with the notes of the meeting.

## 5. Housing needs survey

John Queening explained the need for a housing needs survey specifically for the Holme Valley. The housing needs survey, commissioned by Kirklees Council for the update of the Local Plan, is at a high level of granularity. Figures for housing need in the the Holme Valley will be incorporated in the figures the Kirklees Rural (West) area, which also includes, Marsden and Meltham.

Overall, in Kirklees, there is considerable un-met housing need and not enough land supply. The housing needs of the Holme Valley differ from that of other areas of Kirklees. There is much anecdotal evidence but there has been no rigorous collection of data.

John suggested that the firm which carried out the housing survey for the Chippings development, in Scholes, would be in a good position to carry out a housing survey of the whole of the Holme Valley. He also suggested that HVPC might be approached to request financial support for the survey.

Given the perception that many residents have a low opinion of Kirklees Council and HVPC, John thought that good community engagement, especially with young people was vital.

The following comments were made in the ensuing discussion:

- If the survey was carried out alongside the Kirklees Council survey, would it be a stand alone piece of work, not owned by Kirklees Council? John's view was that any Holme Valley survey would stand alone.
- The cost would be about £15,000, which could be shared.
- The existing Neighbourhood Plan will need to be updated and having a housing needs survey for the Holme Valley would be really useful.
- Would it be worth approaching landowners with existing planning application approvals and live applications? The aim is to encourage building on the sites, rather than land-banking.
- Would Kirklees Council take any notice of a Holme Valley housing needs survey? John thought that a rigorous survey, carried out by a reputable company would be taken seriously.

## DECISION

**The Reference Group decided that the possibility of asking HVPC for some financial support for a housing needs survey should be explored.**

## 6. Progress reports from subject groups

**Farming and Food Security** (Amanda Crawshaw, Harry Davies, Sarah Whitelaw)  
Sarah Whitelaw had taken the lead on this. She was establishing a core group of about 10/15, authentic voices. These included Vivienne Howard, from Holme Village, who had contributed to the HVPC's response to the Peak District National Park's *Issues and options* consultation on its Local Plan Review. There will be an open meeting in Holme, possibly in

the Community Centre. Followed up by a survey.

The following comments were made following Sarah's input:

- Amanda Crawshaw thought that farmers were not often asked for their views and appreciated being consulted. Amanda was short of time but happy to play a supportive role.
- Would it be useful to involve the NFU and Cuddy's Farm?
- Alison Morgan had been working with Andrew Colwill (Cuddy's Farm) on a land use survey
- Robert Noble could be another useful contact
- Adrian Barraclough explained that River Holme Connections was working with several farmers with land adjacent to the River Holme
- Amanda acknowledged that farmers are interested in biodiversity
- Caroline Godin wondered whether it might be useful to contact the Young Farmers

Sarah was congratulated on the way in which we was taking forward this work. Her approach could provide a model for other issue-specific sub-groups.

### **Heritage** (Stan Driver, Steve Ransby)

There is an absence of conservation area appraisals and management plans, throughout the HVPC area. The information is all there but policies have not been implemented. Kirklees Council has never been able to meet its statutory requirements, even when it had more heritage staff than it does now. The chances of Kirklees Council being able to do anything at present are regarded as "very slim".

The Neighbourhood Development Plan included a candidate list of non-designated heritage assets in Appendix 2B. These structures were due to be assessed as part of the combined West Yorkshire initiative..

It was suggested that HVPC could commission a survey and management plan for Holmfirth Centre.

### **Minerals – extraction Quarrying) + Peat Moss** (Steve Ransby)

Steve Ransby has spoken to Steven Graham, Cartworth Moor quarries.

Adrian Barraclough offered to speak to a contact at Huddersfield University, about the possibility of help with work on peat moss.

### **Greenbelt / greybelt** (Andy Wilson)

When Jo Scrutton, who is leading on the Local Plan Update, for Kirklees College to talk to us, she said that the Council will do a full survey of green belt land. However, developers are now challenging some green belt designations, suggesting that it is greybelt. Andy cited a planning application, to develop stables, in Marsden that was originally turned down because it was greenbelt. A re-application, suggesting that the land was greybelt was subsequently approved

## **ACTIONS / DECISIONS**

- Margaret Dale, to invite Jo Scrutton, or a member of staff to our next meeting.
- Margaret Dale to ask Jo Scrutton:
  - whether the Initial Engagement report is ready to be published.

- what are the new deadlines and time scales
- Mary to put the question *“What do we think should be the characteristics of greybelt on the agenda for the next meeting?”*

### **River Holme Corridor** (Adrian Barraclough)

Adrian offered to help with aspects of the projects in which he had expertise.

Can we exert pressure on Kirklees Council to speed up the spending of Section 106 money?

## **7. Consultation with the community, including consultation with young people**

Sarah Whitelaw outlined the consultation she had with students from Honley High School. It was interesting that the concerns expressed were different from those at Holmfirth High.

Sarah's approach was not over-structured. She had worked through the topic areas, asking students responses to each one. This approach could work with other groups of people.

The consolidated responses from, both high schools, will be circulated to Group members.

## **8. Deadlines and timescales**

In determining our deadlines and time scales, we are completely in the hands of Kirklees Council. We are working towards a having a draft of our next document by the end of the summer.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be at **3-00pm, on Friday 25 July '25, at the Civic.**

## Holme Valley Parish Council

### Reference Group on the Kirklees Council Local Plan Update

#### Notes of a meeting on Friday 25 July '25

**Present:** Mary Blacka (HVPC) – CHAIR, Pat Colling (HVPC), Margaret Dale (Holme Valley Vision), Stephen Dorril, Stan Driver (Holmfirth Conservation Group), Caroline Godin (Honley Business Association), David Hardy (Honley Village Community Trust), John Queening (EcoHolmes CLT), Steve Ransby (HVPC), Cllr Jane Rylah (Kirklees Council + HVPC, Sarah Whitelaw (HVPC), Andy Wilson (HVPC)

**Apologies:** Adrian Barraclough (River Holme Connections), Margaret Wadsworth (Honley Village Community Trust), Sarah Wells (Penistone Line Partnership)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

All were welcomed to the meeting, especially Stephen Dorril, who was attending for the first time.

#### 2. Notes of the previous meeting, Friday 20 June '25

The notes were accepted as a true record.

Mary Blacka confessed that she had neglected to put a discussion on the characteristics of grey belt land on the agenda, as decided at the last meeting. It will be on the agenda of the next meeting, on Friday 5 September '25.

The reference to Holme Valley Parish Council commissioning a survey and management plan for only Holmfirth Centre and not Honley was queried by David Hardy. Stan Driver responded that the completion of this task was a complex process and there was a shortage of expertise. Are there people in Honley with the required skills?

Stephen Dorril queried the lack of reference to the climate emergency and biodiversity, in a briefing document, on Farming etc. Mary responded that the decision had been taken not to have a discrete sub-group on Climate Emergency / Biodiversity but to require all subject sub-groups to address this in their work and ultimately in their reports.

#### 3. Kirklees Council – progress on updating the Local Plan

Margaret Dale, the Reference Group's major contact with Jo Scrutton, who is leading on the Local Plan for Kirklees Council, reported on progress.

Kirklees Council is in the forefront in updating its Local Plan. This has brought problems as some key documents have not yet been released by central government. In comparison to the time taken to produce the Local Plan, the update is an accelerated process. A document, with amended timescales, was approved by Kirklees Council Cabinet, on 8 July '25. A series of

consultation events are taking place on the economic strategy. The results of the Early Engagement Survey should be published in October '25. A shortage of experts is proving problematic in the survey of greenbelt.

The earlier the Reference Group can submit robust and detailed proposals, the more influence we can have on outcomes. Waiting until the draft update is published and then just responding to proposals, will not achieve as much. Whilst HVPC and the Reference Group do not have any power but we can persuade and exert influence.

The role of brownfield sites in meeting housing targets was raised. Brownfield sites tend to be in private ownership, so the local authority has little power to influence their development.

New deadlines for the Local Plan Update:

Plan Stage	Current Timetable	Revised Timetable
Draft Plan	Sep – Nov 2025	December 2026
Publication Plan	Sep – Nov 2026	October 2027
Submission Plan	March 2027	January 2028

#### 4. Housing needs survey

Jo Scrutton has agreed that the briefing slides for Kirklees councillors, on the Kirklees wide housing survey, carried out by arc4 Ltd, in 2024, could be shared with members of the Reference Group. It had been emailed to them that morning and will be placed in the Dropbox. Reference Group members had been asked not to share the slides outside the Group.

The Group felt that this survey, in which the Holme Valley was included in figures for the much wider area of Kirklees Rural West, was too broad a brush to be much use for our purposes. Kirklees Rural West includes the whole of the Kirklees Council wards of Colne Valley, Holme Valley North and Holme Valley South.

The Reference Group had already agreed to ask HVPC if it could finance a housing needs survey of the Holme Valley. The survey would be managed by EcoHolmes and carried out by the firm that completed a housing survey in Scholes for EcoHolmes. The total cost would be around £15,000. The plan was that this request would be made to the Full Council on 8 September '25.

Having a detailed survey for the Holme Valley would be invaluable in preparation for the revision of the Neighbourhood Plan. The process of carrying out the survey would be positive in terms of HVPC's community engagement.

#### 5. Progress reports from subject groups

##### **Farming & Food Security** (Sarah Whitelaw)

On the back of the consultation with students at Holmfirth and Honley High Schools, Sarah had arranged a public consultation meeting at Holme Community Centre, on Wednesday 23 July. There were about fifteen participants, mainly farmers. As well as Sarah, two other parish councillors attended – Jo Liles and Mary Blacka. The meeting developed quite constructively

and a large range of important issues were raised , including the contribution of local farms to the local economy, the way in which farming is viewed by Kirklees Council, diversification etc An attempt will be made, with the local National Farmers Union representative, to calculate the value of farming to the local economy. The notes of the meeting will be circulated to Reference Group members.

The meeting was a success and should provide a basis for the section on Farming etc in the final report. It was also valuable in building bridges.

This approach provides a model for other sub-group members. Sarah is happy to lend a hand to other sub-groups.

### **Economy / Business** (Margaret Dale / Caroline Godin)

The new economic strategy is different from its predecessor but it does have omissions. Agriculture needs to be added.

The economy of the Holme Valley is different from that of other areas of Kirklees. The creative industries and tourism are significant, businesses are small and there are many sole traders. We do not have good quality data on the economy of the Holme Valley.

The discussion moved on to transport, on which there are no good origin and destination statistics. A lot of workers do not commute, so there is a need for hot-desking and small meeting spaces.

Caroline offered to take questions to Honley Business Association but recognised that all Honley businesses were members.

### **Greenbelt / greybelt** (Stan Driver / Andy Wilson)

Andy thought that we had been lulled into a false sense of security after Jo Scrutton's visit to the Group.

In the Holme Valley greybelt issues will not be a significant problem: a greater problem would be the release of large areas of the greenbelt. Small developments are not a problem. The Reference Group should take an approach to get our voices heard. Could we have a dialogue with the consultants carrying out the greenbelt review?

Stephen Dorril gave an example of four fields in Netherthong, which had been "greybelted".

### **Health and Social Care** (Mary Blacka / Jane Rylah)

There had been very little progress on this. Mary had spoken to Margaret Wadsworth (Honley Village Community Trust) with a view to making visits to some groups in Honley. Jane reported that Kirklees Council has some good initiatives in this area.

John Queening promised to supply contact details of someone who might be able to help with this part of the work.

### **Heritage** (Stan Driver / Steve Ransby)

Stan had done some work on non-designated heritage assets for the Neighbourhood Development Plan. There are many more that could be listed, if the resources, principally volunteers, were available.

Kirklees Council was thought to have carried out a heritage appraisal on Honley but no report

had ever appeared in public. Unfortunately Kirklees Council does not have sufficient heritage staff to carry out its statutory duties.

### **Housing** (Margaret Dale)

Kirklees Council's call for sites ends in August '25. All sites submitted will be ranked Red/Orange/Green. There were 150 sites put forward for the last Local Plan. Windfall sites are those that are not included in the Local Plan.

Safeguarded land has been identified as having potential for development for housing. There is safeguarded land at Cliff (Holmfirth), Hindcliffe Mill, Holmbridge, Thongsbridge and Wooldale. For a full list of currently safeguarded land see <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/pdf/examination/examination-documents/EX14-Schedule-of-Safeguarded-Land-Sites.pdf>

### **Minerals** (Steve Ransby)

Steve had spoken to Stephen Graham who owns Cartworth Moor Quarries. Stephen is trying to find out how far the good stone extends. It is his view that quarrying poor quality stone (aggregate stone) should only happen close to major roads. Steve will come back with more information.

The Reference Group were keen to see the continuation of quarrying in the Holme Valley.

## **6. Consultation with the community**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

## **7. Deadlines and time scales**

Although timescales have lengthened, it is important for the Reference Group to maintain its momentum. Sub-groups are asked to submit an interim report to Mary Blacka by **Friday 29 August '25**. These interim reports will be combined in an interim document, which will later be expanded and made more robust.

## **8. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **9. Date of next meetings**

- **Friday 5 September '25, at 3-00pm:** Agenda items will include a discussion on the characteristics of greybelt land
- **Friday 3 October '25, at 3-00pm:** We will be joined by Jo Scrutton.



## Holme Valley Parish Council

### Reference Group on the Update of the Local Plan Farming and Food Security Sub-group

#### Notes of a Public Meeting, 23 July '25, at Holme Community Centre

**Present:** Mary Blacka (HVPC), Jo Liles (HVPC), Sarah Whitelaw (HVPC) - CHAIR + 15 members of the public

#### **NOTE**

These are not minutes of the meeting but mostly a record of the important issues raised by those present.

#### **Purpose of the meeting**

The purpose of the meeting was to listen to what people had to say.

Kirklees Council is updating its Local Plan, which alongside the Neighbourhood Development Plan, is the basis for planning decisions in the Holme Valley.

The Reference Group was set up by the Parish Council to gather the views of residents on what is needed to improve life in the Holme Valley. The Reference Group has nine subject sub-groups, of which Farming & Food Security is one. Residents' views will be collected in a document, which will be submitted to Kirklees Council well before the publication of the Draft Local Plan, now scheduled for December '26.

#### **Issues raised**

1. Kirklees Council appears to have little understanding of farming.
  - The existing Local Plan has minimal references to agriculture and farming
  - There is a simple view that “*Agriculture is here. Come and look at it.*”
  - Kirklees Council policy needs re-orientating
2. National/regional decision makers, Natural England and Yorkshire Water, are remote
3. Failure to understand the wide importance of agriculture in the Holme Valley
  - Farms and farming contribute widely, beyond any purely economic benefits, eg the preservation of the landscape
  - Agriculture needs support, with systems and processes that do not make it hard for farmers
4. Failure to recognise the contribution of farming to the economy of the Holme Valley. Kirklees Council needs to re-orient its view of the significance of agriculture.
  - Recognise the centrality of agriculture and the extent to which it is integrated into the local economy

- Policy makers, including Kirklees Council need to recognise the circular economy in the Holme Valley, in which farmers and farming play a vital role.
  - Businesses in Holmfirth all benefit from the work of local farmers
  - Local farming is not subsistence or marginal: failure to recognise how much food is produced locally
  - There are 240 NFU members in Kirklees
  - Contribution to the tourist industry
  - Provision of employment
5. Protect agricultural land and livestock
- Do not remove agricultural tenants to plant trees
  - Do not plant trees on farm land. There is scrub land, unsuitable for agriculture, which can be used for tree planting.
  - Dogs being allowed to run free are a significant problem. Kirklees Council could do more to enforce by-laws requiring dogs to be on leads.
  - Ranching – combining small farms, e.g. six farms into one, has led to the destruction of drystone walls, which need to be re-instated
  - The large landowners - Yorkshire Water, Kirklees and Natural England – plant trees and do not look after the land. Yorkshire Water exists as several entities, with differing functions and responsibilities, There is no sign of anything being done to protect the tree planting at Cinderhills or Sally Wood. Vegetation is as high if not higher than the trees that were planted
  - maintenance of reservoirs. Yorkshire Water does not consult local people.
  - Central government policy of moving sheep off the land has led to its degradation.
  - In areas designated, by Kirklees Council in the existing local Plan, as of High Landscape Value, what exists is some very expensive grassland. There is some inconsistency here.
6. Loss of biodiversity as a result of government policy, eg disappearance of wading birds in the Upper Holme Valley.
7. Wild fires have become more common
- The controlled “cold burning” of heather, which would inhibit wild fires, is no longer permitted by Natural England, because of the release of carbon.
  - Cold burning of heather is the only way to eradicate the ticks that cause Lyme Disease
8. Land banking – developers holding on to land, putting it to no useful purpose until prices rise. There was also reference to the high land 'value' of Green belt in Holme Valley..
9. Farming is subsidised by farmers working and earning wages elsewhere
10. Diversification
- Recognise the creativity and variety of diversification by local farmers, eg wind turbines, uses of wool in building, doorstep deliveries
  - 70% of wind turbines in the Holme Valley are owned by farmers
11. Holmfirth Attested Auction Market

- There is a danger of losing Holmfirth Market. If it goes, the nearest market will be in Skipton.
- The Market is patronised by buyers from Marks & Spencer and Morrisons.
- Kirklees Council should recognise the value of the Market to the local economy

#### 12. Retail market for locally produced food

- Planning permission is needed for the new retail market on the new car park
- Holmfirth Forward has the licence for the market in Holmfirth
- A new outlet for locally produced food is needed, eg something like the Food Circle in Marsden
- The farmers market in Holmfirth, initially funded by Kirklees Council, worked well

#### 12. Future farmers – where will they come from?

- Impact of Inheritance Tax
- Training for young/new farmers

### **An alternative view**

A slightly different view was the need to find ways forward into an uncertain future, to turn problems into solutions. e.g The frequency of moorland wild fires is alarming. If landscape scale fire breaks were harvested on rotation as biomass energy feedstock, this would bring new farm income, and sustainable biomass to Drax Power Station, substituting for imported virgin wood feedstock, There should be a bridge between agriculture and environmental science

### **Agreed action**

Try to find out how much money farmers put back into the economy of the Holme Valley. Robert Nobles, from the NFU, can help with this, by circulating a questionnaire to farmers. (Robert Nobles - [\[redacted\]](#))

Cllr Mary Blacka  
Cllr Sarah Whitelaw  
05/08/2025