

To all Members of the Planning Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** to be held at the **EXHIBITION ROOM** at **THE CIVIC, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH HD9 3AS** on **MONDAY 28 APRIL 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 01 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 02 To accept apologies for absence 7.16 pm

2526 03 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda 7.17 pm

2526 04 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations 7.18 pm

2526 05 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 06 To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting 7.20 pm

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- **To Approve**, Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 31 March 2025, numbered 2425 211 – 2425 228 inclusive. **(B)**

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 07 Kirklees Planning Applications 7.22 pm

- i. - **To note**, List of Kirklees planning applications 4 February 2025 to 25 March 2025 updated with the views of the Committee. **(C)**
- ii. - **To consider**, New or amended applications received from Kirklees Council 25 March 2025 to 22 April inclusive – List 2526-01 enclosed. **(D)**
 - **To consider**, any further action.

2526 08 Peak District National Park Authority 7.50 pm

- i. - No new or amended applications were received from the Peak District National Park Authority from 4 February 2025 to 25 March 2025 inclusive to be updated with the views of the Committee.
- ii. - No new or amended applications were received by Peak District National Park Authority 25 March 2025 to 22 April 2025 inclusive.
 - **To consider**, any further action.

2526 09 HVPC Planning Committee Remit 2025/26 Onwards 7.52 pm

To note, 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 further review the criteria for which they consider an application to be “significant” enough to make comment on and/or make recommendations for the terms of reference of the subcommittee following the confirmation of the 2025/26 committee memberships.

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To note, following discussions at the previous committee meeting on 31 March 2025 Cllr Blacka has summarised the recommended criteria for commenting on planning applications. **(E)**

Chair and Assistant Clerk to report.

- **To consider**, further consideration of the criteria for reviewing “significant” applications.
- **To consider**, any other recommendations for the 2025/26 Council year.

2526 10 Traffic Calming 8.00 pm

i. Kirklees Council Management of Speeding in the Holme Valley

Cllr Wilson has received information from Kirklees Council regarding the Holme Valley mobile SIDs via a personal FOI request.

Cllr Wilson to report.

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

ii. School Parking Bollards

New Mill school have confirmed they would like to use the parking bollards. The Assistant Clerk will be contacting the school following the Easter break to arrange delivery.

Assistant Clerk and Cllrs to report on progress.

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

2526 11 Ongoing highways campaigns, including unmade roads, green lanes and byways of the Holme Valley 8.10 pm

The ongoing campaigns are:

- Ramsden Road**
- Cartworth Moor Road**
- Cheesegate Nab**

Residents of Cartworth Moor have received a letter from Rt Hon. Paul Davies MP regarding updates with enforcement at Windy Ridge Quarry.

Cllrs and the Assistant Clerk to report on updates received.

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

2526 12 **Planning Policy, Guidance and Consultation** **8.20 pm**

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.

The PhD Student has indicated that he will be available for a meeting in-person in June or July 2025.

To consider, dates for in-person meeting with the PhD Student from Manchester Metropolitan University.

2526 13 **Design Code** **8.25 pm**

A copy of the Design Code is expected to be available to be presented at the Planning Committee meeting on 28 April 2025.

Cllr Ransby to report on progress.

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

2526 14 **Holmfirth Town Centre Group** **8.35 pm**

Cllr Wilson to report.

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

2526 15 **Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum** **8.40 pm**

To note, A meeting of the Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum took place on 24 March 2025, the notes and action points from the meeting have been circulated.

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2526 16 **Kirklees Local Plan Review** **8.45 pm**

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

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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.

The Reference Group is next due to meet on 25 April 2025 at 4pm in the Exhibition Room.

Working Group to report.

To note, the Reference Group last met on 25 February 2025, the notes from the meeting have been included. **(G)**

To note, the Working Group last met on 28 March 2025, the notes from the meeting have been included. **(H)**

To consider, any further action.

2526 17 Neighbourhood Development Plan 8.50 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 18 Planning Standing Committee Expenditure against Budget and reserves 2024-25 8.55 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. 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 for £1,120.00. The remaining £380 in the EMR will be used to purchase printed copies.

2526 19 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council 8.57 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.

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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DRAFT Minutes of the **PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** held at the **EXHIBITION ROOM** at **THE CIVIC, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH HD9 3AS** on **MONDAY 31 MARCH 2025** at **700pm** to transact the following business: -

In Attendance:

Chair: Cllr Mary Blacka

Members: Cllr Damian Brook, Cllr Pat Colling, Cllr Tom Dixon, Cllr Donald Firth, Cllr Jo Liles, Cllr Steve Ransby, Cllr Andy Wilson.

Apologies: Cllr Isaac Barnett

Absent: Cllr Andrew Fenwick

Welcome

Open Session at Planning

One member of the public was present for the public session to speak about application 2025/62/90278/W on item 2425 217.

2425 211 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.

2425 212 To accept apologies for absence

Noted: Cllrs Barnett and Fenwick were absent from the meeting.

Approved: The apologies and reasons for absence for Cllr Barnett were approved by The Committee.

2425 213 To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

Cllr Ransby declared a personal interest in applications 2025/65/90247/W, 2025/62/90299/W, 2024/62/92933/W, 2025/CL/90438/W, 2025/CL/90436/W in item 2425 217.

Resolved: Cllr Ransby would remain present in the meeting for the discussion of the applications but not speak about them or vote on them.

2425 214 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations



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None received.

2425 215 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

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

2425 216 To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Noted: Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 10 February 2025, numbered 2425 193 – 2425 210 inclusive and approved at Full Council on 24 March 2025.

2425 217 Kirklees Planning Applications

- i. **Noted:** List of Kirklees planning applications 7 January 2025 to 4 February 2025 updated with the views of the Committee.
- ii. The Committee discussed the new or amended applications received from Kirklees Council 4 February 2025 to 25 March 2025 inclusive – List 2425-12.

Resolved: That the Planning Committee's comments on the above applications be forwarded to Kirklees Council by the Officer.

2425 218 Peak District National Park Authority

- i. No new or amended applications were received from the Peak District National Park Authority from 7 January 2025 to 4 February 2025 inclusive to be updated with the views of the Committee.
- ii. - No new or amended applications were received by Peak District National Park Authority 4 February 2025 to 25 March 2025 inclusive.

2425 219 HVPC Planning Committee Remit 2025/26 Onwards

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

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5. The COMMITTEE will review the effectiveness of the changes after a 6-month trial.

Councillors discussed feedback and ideas to support the drafting of a terms of reference for the Applications Sub-Committee and a possible further refinement of the criteria for



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commenting on applications.

Suggestions from members included:

- Membership of the subcommittee to be decided by the newly formed Planning Committee in the new council year (after the Annual Council Meeting on 19 May 2025). Councillors may consider a membership of all Planning members, including other councillors outside of planning or a variation thereof.
- The schedule for the subcommittees could be set half between the scheduled Planning Committee meetings, with an applications list to be circulated to member on the Tuesday of the previous week.

Action: An action for Cllr Blacka is to circulate the current list of criteria for commenting on applications to Planning Committee members for feedback on how they could be further refined.

Resolved: The revised list of criteria for commenting on planning applications, intended for the Planning Committee in the 2025/26 civic year, will be presented for the committee's consideration in the first committee meeting of the new civic year. This will include the current amendments as outlined below, along with any additional suggestions proposed by the committee during the interim period.

The Planning Committee will consider the following types of applications:

- Applications in the greenbelt.
- Large scale developments (5+ dwellings).
- New builds.
- Change of use applications.
- Any applications about which residents have raised concerns, with HVPC councillors.
- Any applications about which HVPC councillors have raised concerns.

The Planning Committee will NOT consider the following types of applications:

- Applications in conservation areas not otherwise covered by the above criteria.
- Certificates of Lawfulness WHEREVER they might be.
- Listed Building applications UNLESS they are in the greenbelt.

2425 220 Traffic Calming

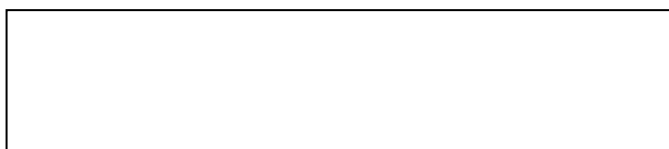
i. Kirklees Council Management of Speeding in the Holme Valley

Councillors and the Assistant Clerk gave updates about the locations for the mobile SID in HV South.

Cllr Brook has forwarded a list of existing and proposed locations for the HVS SID to be shared with members by the Assistant Clerk and will continue to follow up with Kirklees on the data from the device.

The location information received is as follows:

Current location;



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New Mill Road LC53
Sheffield Road (South of Butterley Lane)

Proposed location;

Scholes Moor Road (Opposite direction to previous location)

HVS2 device previously discussed and agreed locations;

Woodhead Road, towards Holmbridge opposite Perseverance Place

Woodhead Road, Bryndlee Court junction

Butt Lane, Hepworth

A635 Greenfield Road, Area around Upperthong J & I School

B6106 Dunford Road, Holmfirth

A6024 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth – Area outside Aldi

ii. **School Parking Bollards**

Cllr Dixon confirmed that New Mill school would like to take the school parking bollards.

Action: An action for Cllr Dixon and the Assistant Clerk is to arrange delivery of the bollards with the school.

2425 221 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**

In addition to the above Cllr Liles reported that a wall has collapsed at Choppards Bank and she is following up with Kirklees on the urgent need for repair.

Cllr Wilson reported that a TTRO has been extended for Ramsden Road but no permanent closure was yet in place.

2425 222 Planning Policy, Guidance and Consultation

i. **Planning Reform Working Paper: Streamlining Infrastructure Planning**

Noted: The government has released a planning reform working paper inviting views on how it could 'streamline the development of critical infrastructure, in particular Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). It focuses specifically on potential legislative changes, principally to the Planning Act 2008.

This is not a formal consultation, and is instead intended to inform discussions with the



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sector, to determine whether and how to take these proposals forward. Alongside these discussions, responses are encouraged to the series of questions that are posed at the end of the paper. There is no formal deadline for responses.

Responses can be made via the website:

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/planning/streamlining-infrastructure-planning/>

Resolved: Cllr are invited to respond to the Planning Reform Working Paper as individuals if they wish.

Action: An action for the Assistant Clerk is to post the information on social media.

ii. Manchester Metropolitan University Study on Social Sustainability of UK High Streets

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

Action: An action for the Assistant Clerk is to invite the PhD student to speak to councillors.

iii. Updated Government guidance on Green Belt and Brownfield Land

Noted: The government has announced updated detailed guidance on its revised approach to Green Belt in England as set out in the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) issued in December 2024. This guidance includes what is meant by 'grey belt' and how it should be identified; how and why green belts should be reviewed, and guidance on how major housing development on land in the Green Belt should contribute to accessible green space and other benefits (the so called 'golden rules'). At the same time, it has provided funding to 133 local authorities to undertake Green Belt reviews.

Noted: the government has also announced further updated guidance to ensure planning policies and decisions 'give substantial weight to the value of using suitable brownfield land within settlements for homes and other identified needs'.

Action: An action for the Assistant Clerk is to add the documents to the Local Plan Working Group's Drop Box.

iv. PDNPA consultation on updated local validation list

Noted: The Peak District National Park Authority are updating the list of documents required to be submitted with planning applications. The list reflects the most recent guidance on local validation requirements in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (General Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, and is reviewed every two years to ensure it remains relevant and fit for purpose. The consultation runs until 30 April 2025.

As the draft documents are very large, they have not been included in their entirety in



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the papers, but can be found via the following links:

Appendix 1 – Draft local validation list:

https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/141918/Appendix-1-Local-validation-list-draft.pdf

Appendix 2 – Draft local validation list guidance:

https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0025/141919/Appendix-2-Local-validation-list-draft-guidance.pdf

Resolved: Councillors are invited to respond to the consultation if they so wish.

v. BT Consultation on the removal of payphone in the Holme Valley

Noted: Correspondence regarding the removal of a payphone from a red heritage phone box in the Holme Valley.

Resolved: No response to the consultation will be made.

vi. PDNPA Local Plan Review call for sites

Noted: As part of the local plan review the Peak District National Park Authority are conducting a “call for sites” that is open until 5 May 2025.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/policies-and-guides/the-local-plan/call-for-sites>

Cllr Blacka reported that the Local Plan Working Group and Reference Group had previously decided not to put forward sites for Local Plans.

vii. Notice of disposal of the former Holmfirth Council Office

Noted: Notice of the intent to dispose of the former Holmfirth Council Offices - 49-51 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3JP.

2425 223 Design Code

Cllr Ransby reported on progress.

Work to improve the accessibility of the document is in progress.

A copy of the Design Code is expected to be available to be presented at the Planning Committee meeting on 28 April 2025.

2425 224 Holmfirth Town Centre Group

Cllr Wilson reported that no date was yet set for the next meeting.



2425 225 Kirklees Local Plan Review

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An Early Engagement Consultation on the Kirklees Local Plan was open 25 November 2025 until 28 February 2025.

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 updated the Committee on progress with the Working Group and Reference Group.

Noted: Reference Group response to the Kirklees Local Plan Early Engagement Consultation.

2425 226 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Ransby reported on progress with work on the Holme Valley Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan actions. Work is continuing to revise measurable targets to measure progress against the criteria of the action plan document.

2425 227 Planning Standing Committee Expenditure against Budget and reserves 2024-25

Noted: The Planning Committee’s expenditure against budget 2024-25 year to date:

- The Planning Committee has one budget line under its remit. This is 4505 Neighbourhood Plan. At the start of the Council year, the budget contained £1,500. No expenditure has come from this budget line.
- It is projected that money may be spent from this fund on the art and design on the Shop Front Design Guide Booklet. A quote for artwork, art direction and layout design has been received for £1,120.00.
- The Booklet will be an 8-page, full colour A5 saddle and stitch booklet on 150gsm silk finish paper.
- Subsequent printing costs will depend on the print run:
 - o x250: £118.30
 - o x500: £153.90
 - o x1000: £213.98
 - o x1500: £279.22.
- If the Committee, approved a print run of 1,500 copies, this would cost a total of £1,399.22. Around £100 would remain in the Committee budget 2024-25. If this money was not spent this year, the money could be rolled over into an earmarked reserve under regulation of the HVPC Financial Regulations as this is an ongoing



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project.

- At a meeting of Full Council on 24 March 2024 it was resolved that any remaining funds in budget line 4505 Neighbourhood Plan at the end of the financial year would be placed in an EMR to cover expenditure relating to the Design Code.

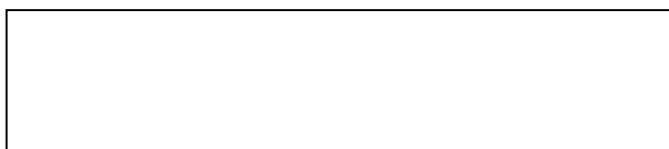
2425 228 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

The Assistant Clerk updated on planned activity.

Consideration will be given to how to make applications considered by the new sub-committee accessible to the public for engagement.

Action: The Assistant Clerk to publish the link to the Planning Reform Paper, a news story on the school bollards when they are in place and the SID when it is in a new location.

Close 8.45pm



Kirklees planning applications 31 March 2025 updated with HVPC comments



Application No	Proposed Development	Location	Link	HVPC Comment
2025/62/90251/W	Erection of single storey rear extension and associated alterations	143, Huddersfield Road, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 3TP	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90251	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/90281/W	Erection of lower ground floor extension and first floor extension over bungalow to form two-storey dwelling, regrading of land to form access and formation of parking area to rear of dwelling	Avondale, Wood Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 3JB	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90281	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2024/65/93504/W	Listed Building Consent for Installation of an air source heat pump, enlargement of existing window, new external timber decking and conservation roof lights	New Hagg Barn, Oldfield Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6RN	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2024/93504	Support
2025/65/90222/W	Listed Building Consent for installation of replacement windows to front elevation	9, Scholes Road, Jackson Bridge, Holmfirth, HD9 1LY	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90222	Support subject to Listed Building Officer consent.
2025/65/90247/W	Listed Building Consent for Installation of solar panels (within a Conservation Area)	Picturedrome, Market Walk, Holmfirth, HD9 7DA	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90247	Support
2025/62/90240/W	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of four dwellings with associated parking and landscaping	Lawbrook Farm, Law Slack Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 2RY	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90240	Oppose. Inappropriate development in the green belt.
2025/62/90254/W	Erection of single storey rear extension and associated alterations	8, Heys Road, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7SD	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90254	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/90299/W	Installation of patio doors and erection of pagoda (within a Conservation Area)	50-54, Back Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1HG	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90299	Support
2025/CL/90215/W	Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of mechanics workshop (B2)	Granby Farm, 20, Woodbottom Road,	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90215	Permission granted before HVPC consideration.

		Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7DJ		
2025/62/90271/W	Erection of single storey extension to form new entrance with canopy and associated alterations	Inglestone, Horn Lane, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7HG	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90271	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/65/90382/W	Listed Building Consent for installation of replacement of windows (within a Conservation Area)	10, Sike Lane, Totties, Holmfirth, HD9 1JG	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90382	Support
2025/62/90384/W	Installation of access ramp at the principal entrance (Listed Building within a Conservation Area)	Holy Trinity Church, Dean Bridge Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1TR	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90384	Support
2025/44/90419/W	Discharge of details reserved by Condition 7. (Phase 1 Desk Study Report) of permission 2024/92908 for Demolition of existing garage, removal of concrete hardstanding and erection of detached dwelling with associated parking	2, Poplar Avenue, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7TL	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90419	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/70/90297/W	Variation condition 2 (plans) on previous permission 99/93218 for erection of 34 dwellings with garages	Plots 1 - 34, off Bradshaw Road/Long Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6RW	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90297	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/90323/W	Erection of garden pod with decking area	Meadow View, 15, Cliff Road, Holmfirth, HD9 1UY	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90323	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/90447/W	Erection of first floor extension and associated alterations	16, Butterley Lane, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7EZ	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90447	Support
2025/62/90102/W	Erection of equine structures	Land Adjacent, 80, Long Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6EB	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90102	Support
2024/62/92933/W	Erection of agricultural building	Shaley Farm, Shaley, Sandy Gate, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1RY	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2024/92933	Support but note lack of climate change statement.

2025/44/90419/W	Discharge of details reserved by Condition 7. (Phase 1 Desk Study Report) of permission 2024/92908 for Demolition of existing garage, removal of concrete hardstanding and erection of detached dwelling with associated parking	2, Poplar Avenue, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7TL	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90419	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2024/62/93594/W	Erection of 9 dwellings including associated works	Hollinghurst Farm, 76, Hall Ing Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QR	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2024/93594	Oppose. Whilst HVPC welcomes housing developments on a smaller scale such as this site, this proposal includes too many larger 4 bedroom houses when a mix of smaller 2 and 3 bedroom affordable houses would be more consistent with the current needs of the Valley. There is insufficient parking provision for the large houses and insufficient space for the amenities to serve the proposed properties.
2025/70/90429/W	Variation of condition 2 (plans) on previous permission 2024/92689 for erection of first floor extension and front porch with garage conversion and formation of extra parking space with extended dropped kerb	1, Moorcroft Park Drive, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 1JH	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90429	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/90344/W	Erection of two storey side extension (within a Conservation Area)	3, Well Hill, Underbank Old Road, Holmfirth, HD9 1EG	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90344	Support but with concern for adequate parking for a larger dwelling.
2025/62/90455/W	Erection of porch to front	Carbrooke, Marsh Gardens, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6AF	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90455	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.

2025/62/90467/W	Erection of single and two storey rear extension	54, Derwent Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6EL	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90467	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/CL/90422/W	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of single storey side extension and outbuilding	Wall Nook Farm, Wall Nook Lane, Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8YB	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90422	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/CL/90438/W	Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of access (within a Conservation Area)	142, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AR	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90438	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/CL/90436/W	Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as residential curtilage	Bar House, Penistone Road, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 2TR	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90436	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/90493/W	Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension, single storey garage extension and associated driveway	11, Town End Avenue, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1QW	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90493	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/90240/W	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of four dwellings with associated parking and landscaping	Lawbrook Farm, Law Slack Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 2RY	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90240	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/N /90575/W	Prior notification for alteration of agricultural buildings	Wall Nook Farm, Wall Nook Lane, Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8YB	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90575	Permission granted before HVPC consideration.
025/62/90501/W	Alterations to convert agricultural/equestrian store to one dwelling	The Stable Block, Rosewood Mill, Wilshaw Road, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3US	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90501	Oppose. Inappropriate development in the green belt. This structure has not been in place long enough to qualify for conversion and the climate mitigation measures are insufficient.
2025/N /90652/W	Prior notification for erection of agricultural building	Foster Place Farm, Foster Place Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 7TN	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90652	Support

2025/62/90522/W	Alterations to one dwelling to create two dwellings (within a Conservation Area)	7, Quarry Mount, Holmfirth, HD9 1HH	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90522	Defer to Kirklees officers. Some concern for parking provision.
2025/62/90278/W	Erection of stable block (within a Conservation Area)	Westroyd Farm, Fulstone, White Ley Bank, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7DL	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90278	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/62/90488/W	Erection of hip to gable roof extension and rear dormer extension	44, Town End Road, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1AH	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90488	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/65/90568/W	Listed Building Consent for new roof to outbuilding (within a Conservation Area)	3, Dock Hill, Miry Lane, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UH	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90568	Support
2025/62/90547/W	Erection of extensions and alterations to former barn/stables to create two dwellings with access and associated works	Spring Villa Barn, Long Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6EB	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90547	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/CL/90558/W	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of polytunnel	Greenacre, Sheffield Road, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7EX	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90558	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.
2025/CL/90475/W	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed installation of solar panels and 2 sun tunnels to roof (within a Conservation Area)	16, Greendale Court, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JW	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90475	Defer to Kirklees officers, not enough detail provided in the application.
2025/62/90629/W	Erection of detached garden room (within a Conservation Area)	31, Woodhead Road, Holmfirth, HD9 2JU	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90629	Support
2025/62/90596/W	Formation of off road parking with bin store and alteration to existing stepped access	Burnsike, Liphill Bank Road, Holmfirth, HD9 2LQ	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90596	No comment. Defer to Kirklees officers.

HVPC Reference	Application No	Proposed Development	Location	Link
2526/01/01	2025/62/90644/W	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension, erection of replacement garage, porch to front elevation, and associated external alterations	Mount View, Sheffield Road, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7HA	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90644
2526/01/02	2025/N /90775/W	Overhead lines	land to north side of, Parkside, Scholes, Holmfirth	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90775
2526/01/03	2025/62/90734/W	Demolition of existing stables building and erection of detached dwelling	Whinney Dene, West Field Lane, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1RD	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90734
2526/01/04	2025/62/90742/W	Demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement garage	The Croft, 8A, Huddersfield Road, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7JU	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90742
2526/01/05	2025/64/90774/W	Advertisement Consent for installation of illuminated and non-illuminated signs	Postcard Inn, 134, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90774
2526/01/06	2025/62/90783/W	Loft conversion including increase in the pitch of the roof and associated alterations	The Bungalow, 67, Chapelgate, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1SX	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90783
2526/01/07	2025/CL/90874/W	Prior notification for change of use of agricultural building to three dwellings including associated works.	Berristal Head Farm, Bent Road, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1TS	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90874
2526/01/08	2025/62/90828/W	Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to openings and SVP	15, Brownroyd Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6HN	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90828
2526/01/09	2025/70/90846/W	Variation of condition 2 (plans) on previous permission 2024/92908 for demolition of existing garage, removal of concrete hardstanding and erection of detached dwelling with associated parking	2, Poplar Avenue, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7TL	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90846

2526/01/10	2025/62/90820/W	Change of use and alterations to convert existing garage/stables to one dwelling with demolition of conservatory and erection of extension and associated alterations (within a Conservation Area)	The Stables adj, 84, Woodhead Road, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2NL	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90820
2526/01/11	2025/62/90878/W	Demolition of existing oak garden room, erection of single storey rear extension, single storey front extension and first floor extension	Marry Carry, Cliffe Top Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QY	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90878
2526/01/12	2025/60/90938/W	Outline application for erection of residential development	adj, 2, Dam Head, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2PB	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90938
2526/01/13	2025/62/90915/W	Erection of two storey side extension and associated alterations	26, Longlands Bank, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7HR	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90915
2526/01/14	2025/62/90944/W	Installation of 50kwh charger with ancillary electrical equipment as part of a community charging installation (within a Conservation Area)	Land at, Station Road, Holmfirth, HD9 1AB	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90944
2526/01/15	2025/62/90952/W	Erection of single storey rear extension (within a Conservation Area)	4, Thirstin Mill Court, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6FB	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90952
2526/01/16	2025/62/90902/W	Erection of extensions and raising roof (within a Conservation Area)	Lyndise, Little Lane, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1QF	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90902
2526/01/17	2025/CL/91023/W	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed formation of off road parking	7, Smithy Place, Brockholes, Holmfirth, HD9 7AH	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/91023
2526/01/18	2025/CL/90942/W	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling and single storey side extension to garage	Moss Edge Farm, Moss Edge Road, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2SD	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90942
2526/01/19	2025/64/90965/W	Advertisement Consent for erection of illuminated fascia sign (Listed Building within a Conservation Area)	23, Station Road, Holmfirth, HD9 1AB	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2025/90965

Holme Valley Parish Council

Planning Committee

Characteristics of Planning Applications to be considered by the Planning Committee

NOTE

These are draft recommendations, for discussion and decision by the new Planning Committee for 2025/26.

The Planning Committee will consider the following types of applications:

- Applications in the greenbelt
- Large scale developments (5+ dwellings)
- New builds
- Change of use applications
- Any applications about which residents have raised concerns, with HVPC councillors
- Any applications about which HVPC councillors have raised concerns

The Planning Committee will NOT consider the following types of applications:

- Certificates of Lawfulness WHEREVER they might be
- Listed Building applications UNLESS they are in the greenbelt

Kirklees Council's Public Rights of Way Forum

Huddersfield Town Hall, Monday 24 March 2025 7pm to 9pm

Ramsden Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2TA

Notes of meeting and action points

Present

Chair: Mark Scarr, Interim Head of Highways

Attendees

Forum (18)

Christine Senior (CS) Ramblers, Helen Leitch (HL) Huddersfield Rucksack Club, Neil Walker (NW) Spen Valley Civic Society, Nigel Burton (NB) Kirklees Conservation Volunteers, Beverley Corrigan (BC) Kirklees Bridleways Group, Mark Corrigan (MC) British Horse Society, Keith Looker (KL) Kirklees Rambler, Stephen Hill (SH) Open Spaces Society, Oliver Taylor (OT) Ramblers Association (Huddersfield Group), Carol Ripley (CR) Holmfirth Walkers are Welcome, Jenny Hemming (JH) Marsden Walkers are Welcome, Marilyn Clee Community Plus Social Walk Holmfirth, Richard Blenkinsop (RB), David Cook (DC) Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome, Richard Brook (RB) Denby Dale Parish Council, DD Walkers are Welcome, Geoff Hughes (GH) Huddersfield Civic Society, David Wilde (DW) Denby Dale Parish Council, Chris Knight (CK) Go Kirklees

Councillors (1)

Cllr Harry McCarthy, Colne Valley Ward

KC Staff (9)

Phil Champion (PC) Definitive Map Officer, Mark Drydale (MD) Definitive Map Officer, Peter Banks (PB) PROW Project Officer, Sharon Huddleston (SH) Assistant Definitive Map Officer, Deborah Stephenson (DS) Assistant Definitive Map Officer, Michelle Donnell Business Support Officer, Harry Garland Legal Officer, Katherine Hunt (KH) Operational Manager Highways Asset Management, Mark Scarr (MS) Interim Head of Highways

Welcome and introductions

The Chair, Mark Scarr (MS) welcomed everyone to the meeting and Council Officers introduced themselves. Giles Cheetham PROW Manager retired on 5 March 2025. The intention is to recruit a new PROW Manager.

Apologies

Chris Burgess Project Officer, Aoife Flanagan Commercial Business Development Manager (for the Greenspace Action Team), Sabina Arshad Greenspace Action Team Manager, Janette Pashley Calder Valley Greenway, Sally Crozer

Note of last meeting and action points

Notes and action points from the last meeting held on 24 September 2024 were circulated on 21 October 2024.

Action Point update from PROW Forum 24 September 2024

AP 1 23/9/24

GW to take up the matter of TRU related PROW signage (the need for long term permanent signage indicating end dates and diversionary routes) on the ground with Paul Sumner of TRU.

Update

PC reported that issues with signage on the ground had been taken on board by the TRU Project. PC reported that BAM [one of the companies building the TRU infrastructure] had ordered permanent signs.

AP2 23/9/24

GW agreed for PROW to look into whether there is a policy on the retention and use of cobbles.

Update

PC reported that PROW had looked into this and found that there is no specific protection for "cobbles" in the sense that they are not designated as "heritage assets" in the planning environment, but they may have some protection when part of any Grade 2 listed status as part of a wider property, or in a Conservation Area. In the planning policy context, LP35 Historic Heritage (page 227) in the Kirklees Local Plan Strategy and Policies may cover cobbles if they it can be argued that they are "non-heritage assets of importance". Similarly, Chapter 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework on conserving and enhancing the historic environment, may also apply where, for example, "a balanced judgement will be required having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset...". Planners also advised that it may be possible to seek to condition planning permissions to retain cobbles. [Many surface works on public rights of way and highways developments are not planning matters, but the above may apply on a case by case basis.]

AP3 23/9/24

GW agreed that PROW should provide an update on the plans to review the current ROWIP.

Update

The current Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2010 – 2020 continued to 2020. Consultation on a new ROWIP was carried out in 2021 and highlighted 3 key issues:

waymarking and signing, vegetation overgrowth, and stiles or gate in poor condition. Preparing a new ROWIP is an outstanding action to be taken up by the new PROW Manager on successful recruitment to that post.

AP4 23/9/24

PROW to invite active travel colleagues to the next PROW Forum, particularly in relation to the topic of circular routes.

Update

Unfortunately, PROW were not able to arrange for active travel colleagues to attend the forum this time, and the action point was therefore deferred to the next PROW Forum.

AP4 23/9/24 carried forward

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Definitive map team

SH reported on progress with Public Path Orders (diversions or extinguishments).

- The opposed diversion of Meltham 26 & 79 at Morrisons Meltham is pending submission to the Planning Inspectorate for a determination.
- A new path is under construction in relation to the diversion of Mirfield 14 at Primrose Farm.
- Several new paths are under construction at Kenmore, Kirkheaton where non-definitive paths diverted onto new routes to allow the build of a new care home.
- The diversion of Batley 20 at Lady Ann level crossing requires a legal agreement with Network Rail prior to making the order. That legal agreement has just been reached.
- At Denby Dale 13 waste water treatment new paths are being constructed.
- At Spenborough 24 & 42 Whitechapel the order had been confirmed and the final paths would be constructed.

MD reported on progress with definitive map modification orders.

- A public inquiry into Huddersfield 231 – Sandy Lane to Nether Moor Road, South Crosland) Definitive Map Modification Order 2020 (DMMO 261) to determine the downgrading of a byway open to all traffic was held in December 2024. A decision to confirm a footpath order was issued by the Planning Inspectorate in February 2025. The period during which a High Court challenge can be made ended 24 March 2025.
- A public inquiry into Holmfirth 60 – Wolfstones Road to Brown Hill, Netherthong 264 Definitive Map Modification Order 2021 to vary the width of the route which was due to start on 5 November 2024 is now expected to take place on 15-18 July 2025 at Huddersfield Town Hall.
- The Council had objected to a Department of Transport subsequent draft diversion order under s247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to a length of footpath Holmfirth 60 at Wolfstone Heights Farm site to Wolfstones Road,

Netherthong. It will be heard at public inquiry at some point in the future after a decision has been made by the Planning Inspectorate on the associated DMMO above.

- The Council currently has 16 DMMO Directions from the Secretary of State at Defra received under schedule 14 (3) 2 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 at various stages. Of these, 8 have been determined, 5 Orders have already been made and opposed and are pending submission to the Planning Inspectorate for a determination. Since the last forum one further DMMO has been determined (224 Hermitage Park, Storthes Hall) and one Order made (207 Old Lane, Scapegoat Hill), and one order has been confirmed unopposed (311 Green Acres Close, Denby Dale).
- Several DMMOs on the application list are also under investigation. Since the last forum consultations have started on Robinson Lane, Brockholes (329 Moisy Lane and 330 Moisy Spur) to end on 24 April 2025 and consultation on 157 Croft Street, Birkenshaw and 29 Holmfirth 157/40 at Dean Lane are both in preparation.

HL commented on the routes around Slaithwaite Hall and asked whether they were ok to ride. SH and PB discussed with HL later in the break, advising that the applications had not yet been determined.

JH asked about the relevance of the DMMO claim at Lydgate Rifle Club. PC advised that DMMO 113 at Lydgate Rifle & Pistol Club (Deer Hill Rifle Range) would be progressed with a similar DMMO 34 at Deer Hill which currently has a Direction. Both DMMO applications share some of the same evidence and locations.

Project team

Maintenance Works – capital, external, large

PB delivered a PowerPoint presentation on PROW Network Improvements since the last PROW Forum. These included before and after photos and videos of surface works.

- Drainage works and surface works had taken place on Magdalen Road public bridleway Mel/50 including installing swales, ditches, grips and resurfacing with granite. Mel/50 has an SSSI adjacent designated for upland birds, and drainage in particular has been a long standing issue due to the surfacing washing during heavy rainfall.
- A beautiful woodland path Hud/91/10 at Woodedge Avenue, Waterloo used by people to walk to school and the doctors (GP) now has newly surfaced walkways.
- Footpath Hud/433 at Shaw Wood, Outlane is a fantastic route and recommended for walkers. It now has new revetements and wooden hand rails
- New boardwalks have been installed on a footpath at Digley Reservoir, Holmfirth Hol/65. This area attracts a lot of tourism.
- Better drainage has been tackled on Col/115 at Slaithwaite Hall. This was a hard site to tackle due to very wet ground.

- The bridleway at Grimescar Woods Hud/390 has been resurfaced. A hand rail has been installed on the sloping parts, with concrete grips across the slope to manage surface water.

PB went on to explain that project works on public rights of way in Kirklees were largely funded by a grant from the City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) and Levelling Up Fund with the aim of working towards the ambition of attaining net-zero by 2038. This is £41million of funding from the national Government to the Combined Authority of West Yorkshire to invest in the transport system which includes rail improvements, sustainable travel, zero emission buses, road safety improvements and general highway maintenance. Simply put, all public rights of way are “highways in law”, and Kirklees PROW service was awarded approximately £750,000 for a 5 year period between 2023 and 2027 from the CRSTS for improvements (not maintenance) of the PROW network. Whilst this may sound a lot, it equates to £150k annually.

The PROW Project Officers are working on 30 to 40 projects a year [including contracting out] and spending those funds on improving drainage, hand rails, steps on busy urban routes etc. Priorities usually start with how safe routes are. CRSTS monies have been used to fund a whole network survey which will provide a current baseline of issues and can be used to evidence applications for future CRSTS monies.

PB explained that a programme of CRSTS funding works has been prepared for 2025-26. The programme of works include:

- the steps on footpath Hud/169 at Castle Hill which attracts around 5,000 to 6,000 visitor at the weekends in the summer. The idea is to repair/replace the steps with stone steps in keeping with its scheduled ancient monument status. The works are out to tender at the moment
- tackling flooding problems on footpath Spe/7 at Sherburn Grove
- surface works at bridleway Kir/47 and Kir/230 at Denby Grange

MC again thanked Peter Banks and Chris Burgess, the PROW Project Officers, for their excellent works especially in relation the difficulties on Magdalen Road and it was great or it to now be rectified. MC commented on Sue Hogg’s instrumental initiative on pack horse routes in West Yorkshire and her 3 point mantra “drainage, drainage, drainage” adding that this was as relevant now, as it was in the 1950s.

Greenspace Action Team

AF Commercial Business Development Manager had intended to be present at the PROW Forum but unfortunately had to give her last minute apologies. As such, PB ran the slide show that GAT had prepared for the meeting including large vegetation cutbacks on Hud/139 at Northgate, Almondsbury and Hud/422 at Lamb Hall Road & Gilead Road and Bat/54/10 at Hey Beck Lane, Woodkirk, Dewsbury. And cutback, grub out and litter pick at Hud/367/10 at Deer Croft Crescent, Salendine Nook and Hud/267 at Moorbottom Road, Manchester Road, and Hol/27/20 at March Gardens Honley.

PB explained that the GAT team carry out works on the PROW network including vegetation cutbacks and that GAT are our eyes and ears on the ground. PROW Project Officers had recently invested in a flail mower to make GAT's large cut backs more efficient.

PROW whole network condition survey

SH provided an update on progress with the whole network survey which had been carried out and completed under separate external contract by a team of 3 highly competent surveyors between October to December 2024. One of the surveyors carried out the same survey for Kirklees in 2007, and the other 2 surveyors had recently carried out a similar survey for Calderdale Council.

The intention is to load the new survey data into the Countryside Access Management System Professional (CAMS PRO) [which is largely a customised Geographical Information System (GIS) used by many local authorities]. These are technical services have been provided under separate external contract to and are in the final stages of sign off.

SH explained that this was a major step forward for the PROW service. It will show the scale and nature of all the issues on the whole PROW network in Kirklees. The data collected has been categorised into various types. This means that several different reports could be run on including by issue type (missing sign posts, stile, or gates in poor condition), by obstruction type and by what (e.g. vegetation, fence, building etc) by parishes, by paths, etc. SH showed a couple of reports by issue and parish, including a data export to excel spreadsheet that could obviously be analysed further.

KL asked whether the data would be available spatially and open to view publicly. SH reported that it was not yet possible to show the 2024 data arranged spatially as we didn't have CAMS PRO yet or the spatial data, but a demo of how this worked in the current CAMS database on the 2007 dataset was offered in the break. SH and KH advised that the data would not be available to the public initially, but over time this may change. The data would be analysed a programme of works drawn up.

KL asked whether the programme of works would be consulted on. MS commented that on further analysis of the data set the intention was to put a programme of works likely based on the existing principles of asset maintenance works prioritisation based on highest need and defined work streams such as drainage, surface, accessibility, signage etc. MS also commented that the whole network condition report would be used to support and evidence future funding bids, especially the 2027 and 2032 round of funding bids to CRSTS.

HL asked how the network condition data was gathered. SH reported that Giles and herself had met the surveyors and they all worked for the same company and worked to the same criteria so there would be a consistency of approach. SH also reported that the surveyors had walked all routes [there are over 700 miles of PROWs in Kirklees]. SH said the surveyors had also provided 'bypass' data where the public was not walking the definitive line or were navigating around 'obstructions'.

OT expressed surprise at the vast number of 'missing signs' and asked whether this was just waymarking discs or actual signs. SH clarified that it was missing sign posts (either the pole or the sign on the pole).

MC commented that it was great to see the whole network condition survey completed and could it differentiate between footpaths and bridleways – SH said it could.

MC went onto say that he was involved in a new initiative led by Baroness Hyman, Minister For Access to identify bridleway links across the Country, that are either missing (stile on a bridleway) or don't connect together. MC has agreed to survey 2 parishes in Kirklees, and would connect with SH to see if the new dataset could provide that information.

NW commented on the 6,111 whole network issues and asked how that equated to the number of paths. SH advised that there were 2,000 paths, but not all paths had the same number of issues. [approx.. 3 issues per path or nearly 9 issues per mile].

OT commented on how useful all of these numbers were to hopefully unlock more funding to tackle the problems. KH commented that climate change has had a huge impact on the network, and drainage was a big issue. In addition the cost of materials had risen by 25-30% over the last few years. And we were now getting fallout from the lack of investment in the network.

Open Forum

Hol/50 Miry Lane

NM who was not present at the meeting had requested an update on Hol/50/100 Miry Lane, Thongsbridge. This is a path signed on the ground which is not on the definitive alignment. PC apologised for the delay, and reported that the action with him to contact the landowner to discuss the routes and some steps.

AP1 24/03/25

PC to contact landowner at Hol/50 Miry Lane

Cheese Gate Nabside and Hirst Lane et al

SC who was not present at the meeting had requested an update on the green lanes around Cheese Gate Nabside /Hirst Lane et al. PC reported that the draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) advertised in October 2024 had been objected to and would be heard by KCs Cabinet on 15 April 2025. All objectors will be invited to attend once the documents had been approved.

Footpath Spe/87 at Windy Bank

SH had asked for an update in relation to the major obstruction at on Spenborough 87 Windy Bank Farm. MD reported that he was meeting the landowner shortly. KL asked whether there had been any link up with Calderdale Council as the route was blocked at the

bottom end. SH reported that PROW had talked to Calderdale, and had previously been out for a site visit.

Structures in poor condition (stiles and gates)

OT had asked for an update on proposed action on structures in poor condition affecting access for legitimate users across the network. SH remarked that the whole network condition survey provided current baseline data on all structures in poor condition and that would include stiles and gates. There was a need to analyse the data and develop a plan of action based on priorities yet to be decided. It's possible that some issues may be tackled in a holistic way land holding by land holding or land manager by land manager, but again that had yet to be decided.

OT expressed his dismay that it had not been possible to fix a stile he reported in poor condition during a reccy for a planned group walk within a 7 day timescale. SH and PC responded that there were several reasons for this, which can be elaborated on as follows. First PROW investigated the stile reported and found that it was "unauthorised". Secondly, it's land managers who are responsible for the maintenance of structures such as stiles or gates on PROWs on their land. Thirdly, if the structure is not authorised, any new authorisation would need to for a gate rather than a stile, because of the requirement to have regard to persons with restricted mobility. OT asked for clarification around what is meant by "authorised". SH clarified that an authorised structure in this case would one that was found in the definitive map and statement at time the footpath was first dedicated - meaning in the distant past.

MC asked whether serving a s130A notice on the Council to sort the problem might help. PC commented that new authorisations would usually only be for gates [under s147 of the Highways Act 1980]. DS commented that technically an unauthorised stile was an "unlawful obstruction", and the Council had to work within the legislative framework.

Footpath Col/160/10 past Booth Farm

JH had requested an update about what's to happen about this path that has washed away. PB commented that it was on his list to do and there may be a simple drainage solution. Himalayan Balsam was also a problem on this path, and Natural Kirklees may be able to help pull it.

DMMO Directions

In relation to the Deer Hill DMMO application, MC asked about progress with it considering it had been outstanding since 2017, and if progress was not made court action may be considered. MC mentioned that the National Trust also wanted it sorted, and the landowners Yorkshire Water would not move forward on it until the application was determined. Cyclists were now using the route which he considered to be not legal due to the land also being common land. MC also mentioned the parking of a car on the route in an attempt to claim adverse possession, but his view was that it could not be done that way. PC responded that he was aware of the landownership dispute and that it was top of his list to do.

In relation to Wood Nook DMMO application, MC mentioned that there were 50 users who had provided evidence but some people had passed away. PC asked that if MC was aware of anyone who had passed away to let me know. CS mentioned later on that there were issues at Wood Nook as it looked like a "lane" and a section went through someone's garden and there were issues with a gate. PC commented that he was aware that it went through a garden and the subject of a diversion had been raised with the landowner. PC was also aware of the gate issue.

Surfacing on Quaker Lane Huddersfield

NW asked if the PROW team were aware of the surfacing issues on Quaker Lane in Huddersfield. Someone has laid planings along 100 yards of the bridleway up as far as Cozy Stones, but planning permission had been refused. PB responded that we would look into it.

AP2 24/3/25

PB to look into surfacing issues on Quaker Lane, Huddersfield

New Local Plan and linkages to housing developments

GH explained that he was involved in the new Local Plan as well as s106 agreements. GH asked for assurances that the Local Plan takes into account the Transport Strategy in relation to active travels routes and linkages created to and from new housing developments. GH asked if PROW were involved in the new Local Plan.

SH responded that she was currently responding to the internal consultation on the Local Plan which for her involved looking at proposed new housing and commercial sites and matching these to recorded, claimed, and possible unrecorded routes. This is all very relevant to the provision of such new linkages.

Huddersfield 231 Nether Moor

OT asked about what action had been taken to open up Huddersfield 231 now the footpath had been confirmed. PC responded that he was in discussion with the landowners about it.

Meltham Greenway extension

MC commented that he had been involved in the active travel routes meetings nationally and there was £13million of Sustrans monies given by the Government, and that could fund upgrades to bridleways and greenways. MC asked what was happening about Meltham Greenway extension and the s106 agreement monies. SH commented that Giles Cheetham had been involved with the major projects team on this. KH asked that an action point be taken to talk to the Major Projects Team about the Meltham Greenway extension.

AP3 24/3/25

KH to contact the Rashid Mahmood, Head of Major Projects about progress with Meltham Greenway extension

Wessenden Head Road

BC asked again about the grass verges on both sides of the road was being unusable due to self-seeded trees and asked that the Council remove them. The verge is a refuge for horses. PB commented that the public working on the road verge was a safety issue, and he'd look into GAT Rangers carrying out the works, or others.

AP4 24/3/25

PB agreed to look into the issue of self-seeded trees next to Wessenden Head Road

Any other business

SH asked those present to email the generic email boxes, rather than emailing staff directly to their personal emails. This means that work can be allocated more efficiently to the most appropriate person.

Date of next PROW Forum

The next PROW Forum is expected to take place in approximately 4 months' time.

LIST OF ACTION POINTS from Public Rights Of Way (PROW) Forum held on Monday 24 March 2025

Verbal updates to be given at the next PROW Forum.

AP4 23/9/24 carried forward	
PROW to invite active travel colleagues to the next PROW Forum, particularly in relation to the topic of circular routes.	Katherine Hunt
AP1 24/03/25	
PC to contact landowner at Hol/50 Miry Lane	Phil Champion
AP2 24/3/25	
PB to look into surfacing issues on the bridleway at Quaker Lane, Huddersfield.	Peter Banks
AP3 24/3/25	
KH to contact the Rashid Mahmood, Head of Major Projects about progress with Meltham Greenway extension	Katherine Hunt
AP4 24/3/25	
PB agreed to look into the issue of self-seeded trees next to Wessenden Head Road, Meltham	Peter Banks

Notes of meeting

Please note that the above are notes of the meeting. Any comments on these notes can be brought to the attention of the note taker via publicrightofway@kirklees.gov.uk.

Other useful information

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If PROW Forum attendees wish to be added to TRUs comms circulation list, please email publicrightsofway@kirklees.gov.uk with consent to share your email address with the TRU project. This is for data protection reasons.

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Holme Valley Parish Council

Reference Group on the Kirklees Council Local Plan Update

Notes of a meeting on 25 February '25

Present: Mary Blacka - CHAIR (HVPC), Pat Colling (HVPC), Margaret Dale (Holme Valley Vision), David Hardy (Honley Village Community Trust CIO), John Queening (EcoHolmes), Steve Ransby (HVPC), Margaret Wadsworth (Honley Village Community Trust CIO), Sarah Whitelaw (HVPC), Andy Wilson (HVPC)

Apologies: Adrian Barraclough (River Holme Connections), Paul Coleman (Brockholes Green Spaces & Station Adopters), Tony Hood (EcoHolmes), Cllr Jane Rylah, Peter van Ruiten (Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership), Sarah Wells (Penistone Line Partnership)

1. Welcome and introductions

David Hardy and Margaret Wadsworth, from Honley Village Community Trust CIO, were welcomed to their first meeting.

2. Review of draft Initial Response document

The following decisions were made:

- To ensure that something was submitted by the 28 February deadline for the Initial Engagement consultation, **Mary** would draft an Executive Summary
- **Margaret Dale** would send the Executive Summary to Kirklees and enquire whether a longer document could be submitted after the deadline.
- **Mary** would edit the longer document:
 - Moving the detailed statistics to an appendix
 - Revising some of the more informal language
 - Adding any missing material received after the meeting
- It was agreed to leave any missing sections in the contents list, in **red**, with the explanation that they would be added later

3. Progress by sub-groups

Those present and responsible for sub-groups reported on progress. There were still some areas unclaimed.

4. Reaching other groups including young people

The following groups were still not represented:

- Honley Business Association – **Margaret Wadsworth** would follow this up

- Schools
- Youth Clubs
- Sports Clubs, including cycling
- Older people
- Religious groups / churches

It was agreed that, rather than inviting people to come to the meetings, we should go out and talk to them, posing specific questions.

Sarah offered to lead on the consultation with young people.

Margaret Dale offered to draft an agreed message about what the Reference Group was aiming to do.

5. Moving forward – where do we go from here

The first phase of the project – to make some kind of response to the Initial Engagement Consultation – is almost completed.

It was hoped that the Reference Group could have a continuing dialogue with Kirklees Council, rather than just moving to a response to the draft update of the Local Plan.

6. Any other business

There was no other business.

7. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the Group would next meet in about a month's time. It proved impossible to find a day that suited everyone, so **Mary** will send round a list of possible dates.



**Holme Valley Parish Council
Planning Standing Committee**

**Working Group on the Kirklees Council Local Plan Review
Notes of the meeting on 28 March '25**

Present: Mary Blacka (Convenor), Steve Ransby, Jane Rylah, Sarah Whitelaw, Andy Wilson

Apologies: Pat Colling, Margaret Dale

Absent: Jo Liles

1. Alteration of meeting date for the next Reference Group meeting

It was thought – erroneously, as it turned out – that there was an extraordinary meeting of the full HVPC on Monday 7 April, which was the date planned for the next Reference Group meeting.

ACTION: Mary to circulate a list of possible dates to all Reference Group members and go with the best fit.

2. Identifying sites for development

HVPC had previously agreed not to identify any sites for development, for the Kirklees Council Local Plan Update, as this would be divisive. The Planning Committee had recently received a call for sites from the Peak District National Park.

Members re-affirmed the decision not to submit sites to Kirklees or PDNPA. It was suggested that the Holme Valley Land Charity might be able to suggest sites.

It was agreed that it would be useful to establish principles for development sites, eg adequate road infrastructure, not isolated sites away from existing settlements.

ACTIONS

- **Mary to ask Nick Davies if he could put the identification of sites for development on the agenda of the next HVLC Management Committee meeting**
- **Mary to put identifying characteristics of suitable sites on the agenda for the next Reference Group meeting,**

3. Progress to date

Whilst recognising that the Initial Response had been patchy and superficial in places, members felt that the Reference Group had done well to pull together something of substance in the time available.

It was agreed that in future in Phase Two:

- If individuals or groups are not submitting any text, the Reference Group should take action and re-allocate the subject area
- We should make use of local experts
- The deadline for the KC Local Plan, is likely to be brought forward, in response to the changing national planning environment
- The Reference Group needs to set its own deadlines, aiming towards the submission of a second response document at the end of June.

4. Engaging more HVPC councillors

It was hoped that there might be more interest in the new Council Year. Given that meetings would spend less time dealing with planning applications, the membership of the Planning Committee might

alter, to include more councillors who are interested in policy.

5. Are we willing to share information?

The Kirklees Climate Commission has sent us its response to KC's Initial Engagement consultation. This will be shared with all members of the Reference Group. It was agreed that it would be helpful to share information as widely as possible and that the Reference Group's response to the Initial Engagement consultation should be on the HVPC web-site.

ACTION: Mary to ask Gemma to put the report on the web-site, with a caveat that the response was created in haste and is patchy and incomplete but the Reference Group is working on a second expanded and complete version.

6. Kirklees Climate Commission / Denby Dale Parish Council

Sarah reported on her conversations with the Kirklees Climate Commission, which had resulted in our obtaining a copy of its response to the KC Initial Engagement consultation. She also reported on her contact with Cllr Hannah McKercher, from Denby Dale Parish Council and Kirklees Council.

7. Engaging particular groups of people

- **Young people:** Sarah has contacted Holmfirth High School and Honley High School. Holmfirth HHS is keen to be involved. A response is still awaited from Honley HS. We need to think very carefully about how we approach the consultation with high school students. It will have to be very focussed. Should we also approach primary stage children? This should be put to the Reference Group.
- **Older people:** One approach could be via the U3A.
- **Cycling club:** Andy reported on his contact with the cycling club and his success in convincing his contact that the Local Plan update had relevance for the club.

8. Recruiting new groups to the Reference Group

- We should give individuals the opportunity to join the Reference Group if they wish
- We need to ensure that gaps are identified, eg Health, and invitations made to relevant groups
- We should put out a call on the HVPC database for representatives to join the Reference Group
- It is essential that Honley business Association and Holmfirth Business Together get invitations to the next Reference Group meeting

9. Agenda for next Reference Group meeting

- Invitation to Johanna Scruton to come and speak
- Invitation to Prof Peter Roberts (Kirklees Climate Commission) to come and speak - if Johanna Scruton can't make it for the next meeting or for a subsequent meeting, if she can
- Timetable leading up to a full response, at the end of June '25
- Gaps in our existing knowledge and how to fill them
- Re-allocation of subject areas for the full response
- Accessing the views of particular groups (Young people – do we approach primary age children – Democracy Friendly schools)

9. Date of next meeting

Working Group – no date was set

Reference Group – date depends on the outcome of consulting members on their availability