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Subject: PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2022/62/92406/W - OBJECTION COMMENTS
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Good evening

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2022/62/92406/W - CHIPPINGS SITE, CHAPELGATE, SCHOLES

I wish to submit the below comments and the attached documents on behalf of our residents' group, SOSGB - Save Our Scholes Green Belt, as part of our objections to the above planning application.

Whilst we understand there is a need across the Holme Valley for affordable housing, we believe the Old Quarry (Chippings site) is totally unsuitable for this development, not only because the site is **designated green belt** which is currently home to an abundance of wildlife, but because it's on a dangerous blind bend, with limited paving, in an area that regularly floods. Scholes village water/sewerage infrastructure is already under huge pressure from recent large housing developments and the narrow village roads are overburdened with the increased traffic and parked cars throughout the village.

In addition to this, the Old Quarry (Chippings site) was not included in the Kirklees Local Plan or the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan for development. There is, however, a site nearer to the centre of Scholes village that was included in the Local Plan as a development site for 28 houses.

We will shortly be submitting more information to support the above reasons but initially we are submitting the attached documents.

Doc1 - Final Full Results Summary - Online and Paper Combined_V2

SOSGB believe that the marketing documentation and surveys carried out by EcoHolmes with Holme Valley residents, the results from which are being used to support their application, omitted key pieces of information, mainly the fact that the site is '**designated green belt**'. Which raises the question, how can people make an informed judgement on a project and provide informed answers to surveys when they don't have all the facts?!

In response to this, in May 2022 SOSGB carried out our own survey with local Scholes residents to gather their views on the development proposal and in particular their views on building on green belt land. The results from the survey are summarised in the attached document.

The survey we created was published online and paper copies were hand delivered to around 800 homes in Scholes and close neighbouring villages.

We received 176 survey responses in total, 114 of which were completed online and 62 printed surveys were returned. We asked the participants where they currently live and the majority of participants (82%) live in Scholes village. These are the people who will be most affected by this development, should it go ahead, and we'd particularly like you to read their comments and concerns in the latter pages of the summary document.

Two key figures from the summary we'd like to point out are:

- **Over 90% of participants do not feel that building affordable houses on the site is the best use of this land.**
- **Over 78% of participants believe Green Belt land should not be built on at all**

In the survey results local residents have made suggestions on how the site could potentially be used, such as a community green space/garden, a nature area and/or learning space for the local community and schools, or simply left to rewild and encourage more biodiversity. But the main consensus is that the site should not be built on at all!

In regards to residents views on building on Green Belt land, our survey results reflect those returned from the **'Your Voice, Your Holmfirth'** surveys that were carried out by the **Holme Valley South Ward Councillors** and **Kirklees Council** during the last 12 months. The results confirmed that **"local people of the Holme Valley don't want their Green Belt building on! Yes, they want more affordable homes, but on 'brownfield sites only!'"**

Doc2 - SOSGB Objections to Planning Application 20226292406W

To further support SOSGBs objections to Planning Application **20226292406W**, we have also attached a copy of a document produced by Holme Valley Parish council back in 2016, which details their objections to the Draft Local Plan Allocations and Designations for Scholes at that time.

Whilst their objections referred to the c200 houses which had originally been included in the Draft Local Plan, in our view the majority of the points raised still stand regarding any future development in Scholes, and in particular regarding the EcoHolmes application despite it being a much smaller development. The main reason being that since HVPC produced this document back in 2016, the Bowshaw Mews development has been built in Scholes and has greatly impacted further on the majority, if not all of the points that HVPC

raised back then.

We are very much in support of the majority of the objections HVPC raised and as such we would like to submit the points highlighted in yellow in the attached document to support our objections against the EcoHolmes development. Where necessary we have included additional hand written notes referencing site specific concerns.

As previously mentioned, we will shortly be submitting additional information to support our objections, but in the meantime please submit this information to the planning application.

Thank you

Kind regards

The SOSGB Team



'Save Our Scholes Green Belt' Community Views Survey Summary of Results

Who are SOSGB?

SOSGB are a newly formed group of concerned Scholes residents, who have come together to fight EcoHolmes Community Land Trust & the Holme Valley Land Charity's proposed development of 10 affordable houses on the Old Quarry (Chippings site) in Scholes. A site that is **designated Green Belt land**.

Whilst we understand the need for affordable housing, in our minds it's not a good enough reason to build over our Green Belt land. Land which is currently a natural haven for local wildlife and trees, and land that should be preserved and protected along with all other Green Belt sites.

We strongly believe that if this development goes ahead it will set a precedent for EcoHolmes and other 'community developers' to build on Green Belt land across the valley.

We also strongly believe that the Old Quarry (Chippings site) is totally unsuitable for this type of development due to its location on a dangerous blind bend, with limited paving, close to the local pre-school and junior school.

We feel that building 10 houses, with potentially 20+ cars, will greatly increase the road safety issues around the site, and will further impact on Scholes already traffic laden narrow village roads, overburdened water/sewerage infrastructure, increase flood risks in that area and will wipe out all existing wildlife and biodiversity on the site.

What are we trying to achieve and why?

EcoHolmes have previously sent out surveys to the people of the Holme Valley, asking for 'local opinions on housing needs across the Home Valley' and for 'ideas on how the new properties on Chippings site should be built'. Neither survey referred to building on Green Belt land, nor did they ask the local community in Scholes if we actually want housing built on our Green Belt land, and specifically on the Old Quarry (Chippings site).

SOSBG wanted to gather the views of local residents in Scholes and neighbouring villages close to Scholes, as we are the people who are going to be most affected by this development should it go ahead.

So to gain a better understanding of local views, SOSGB created a survey that was published both online and in print, and hand delivered approx 800 copies to all households in Scholes and a number of properties in neighbouring villages. The online survey was shared on local social media groups.

In the survey we asked people where they currently live, if they were aware of EcoHolmes proposals for the Chippings site, and whether or not they know the site is Green Belt land. We asked for their views on the current housing needs in Scholes, and if/how they think more housing will impact on Scholes. And we asked if they believe EcoHolmes proposal is the best use of the Chippings site, and if not what alternatives the site could be used for.

We feel the questions included in the survey were fair and clear, and gave participants varied multiple choice answer options and space to provide their written comments and views, whether they are for or against the proposal.

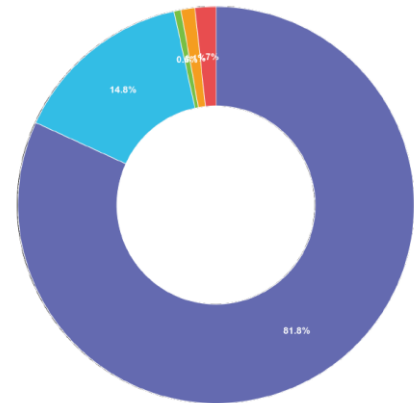
Who participated in our survey?

We received 176 survey responses in total, 114 of which were completed online and 62 printed surveys were returned.

We asked the participants where they currently live. The majority of participants (82%) live in Scholes village.

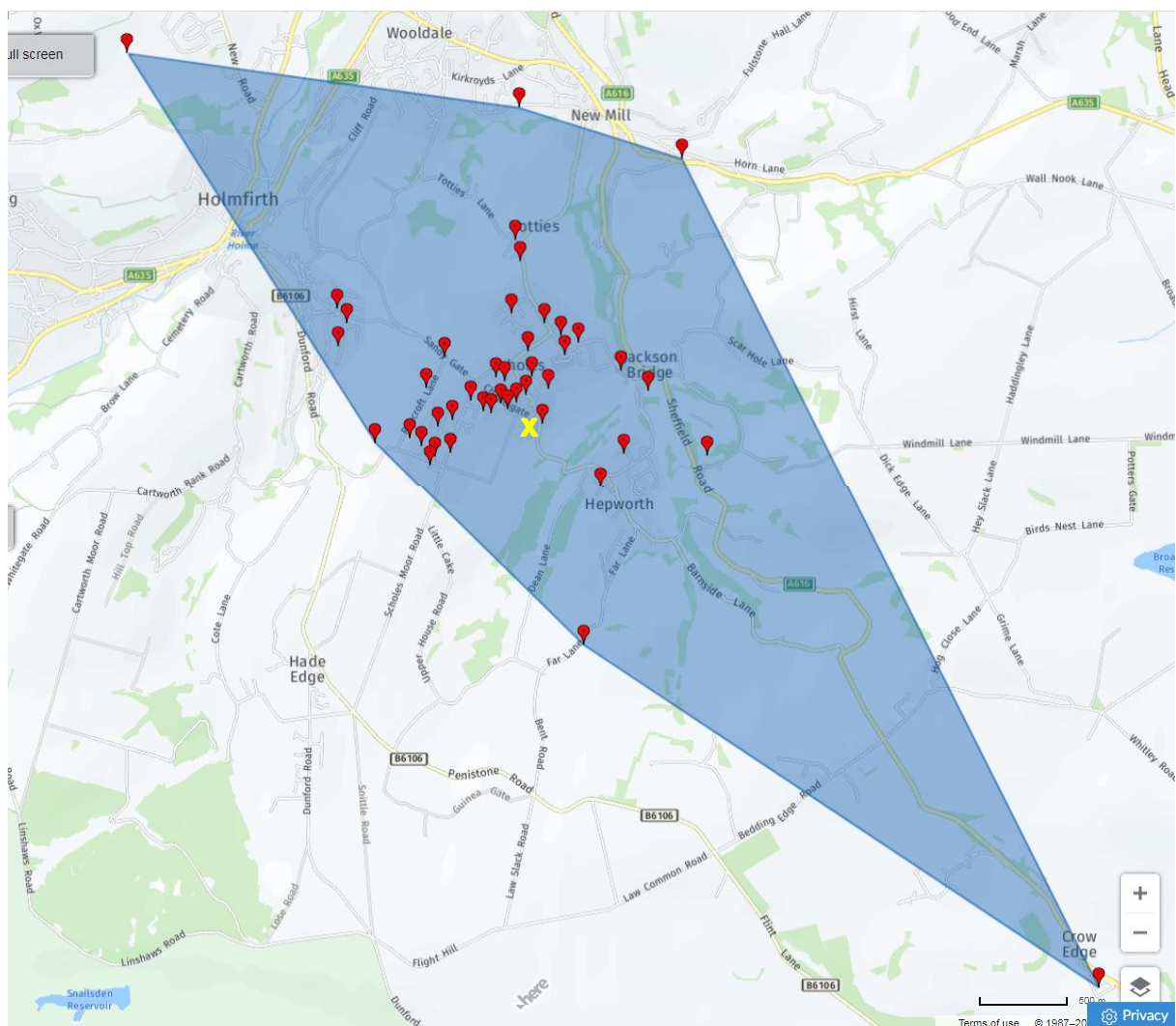
Answered: 176 Unanswered: 0

Choice	Total
Scholes Village	144
Close to Scholes in a neighbouring village	26
In the wider Holme Valley	1
Outside of the Holme Valley	0
I'd rather not say	2
Other	3



Question 2 in the survey gave participants the opportunity to provide their postcode, if they wished to. 107 participants chose to provide their postcode. 69 participants opted not to.

The map and chart on the following page show the participant postcode areas and the number of responses from each postcode. The yellow X marks the location of the proposed development site, the Old Quarry (Chippings site) on Chapelgate, HD9 1SX



Postcode	Number of Responses	Postcode	Number of Responses	Postcode	Number of Responses
Hd9	1	HD9 1SJ	7	HD9 1TZ	1
HD9 1EH	1	HD9 1SL	1	HD9 1TX	1
Hd9 1EX	1	HD9 1SN	1	HD9 1UA	3
HD9 1EY	1	HD9 1SP	3	HD9 1UE	1
HD9 1HR	1	HD9 1SQ	1	HD9 1UF	1
HD9 1HZ	1	HD9 1SR	3	HD9 1UJ	4
Hd9 1lj	1	HD9 1SS	3	HD9 1UL	1
HD9 1LY	1	HD9 1ST	1	HD9 1UQ	5
HD9 1QT	5	HD9 1SW	7	HD9 1WB	4
HD9 1QU	1	HD9 1SX	11	HD9 1XF	5
HD9 1RJ	2	HD9 1SZ	3	HD9 7BU	1
HD9 1RN	1	HD9 1TA	2	HD9 7HS	1
HD9 1SA	6	HD9 1TB	1	S36 4HB	1
HD9 1SD	5	Hd9 1TG	1	No Postcode Supplied	69
HD9 1SE	2	HD9 1TW	3		

Results Summary

The pages following this summary provide details of the responses to each of the questions asked in the survey, along with any 'Other' comments provided by participants.

As you will see from the results:

- **Over 90% of participants do not feel that building affordable houses on the site is the best use of this land.**
- 67% of participants believe the site should be developed into a community green space, such as a nature area and/or learning space for the local community and schools, OR left to rewild and encourage more biodiversity, with a further 11% believing the site should be used for tree planting as part of the Holme Valley Parish Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan to help reduce carbon.
- Despite 83% of participants being aware of EcoHolmes proposal, only 63% were aware the site is Green Belt before accessing SOSGBs survey.
- **Over 78% of participants believe Green Belt land should not be built on at all**
- At least 122 of the 176 participants are concerned about the following issues, if the development was to go ahead:
 - Building on Green Belt and wiping out existing wildlife and biodiversity (*143 participants*)
 - Increase in traffic throughout Scholes village (*141 participants*)
 - Potential parking issues on and around Chapelgate/Dean Bridge Lane/White Wells Road (*122 participants*)
 - Road safety issues due to site being on a blind bend (*137 participants*)
 - More pressure on the Scholes village water/sewer infrastructure (*126 participants*)
 - 73 participants are concerned about flooding issues and 114 are concerned about loss of community green space.
- 60% of participants don't think we need any more houses in Scholes

The final pages in the report contain any additional comments and suggestions that participants provided. These comments, written in the participants own words, give a real understanding of their views about this proposal.

Results Summary

The following extracts that are taken from the 'Your Voice, Your Holmfirth' surveys that were carried out by the **Holme Valley South ward councillors** and **Kirklees Council** in the last 12 months. Their results show the same as our survey results, **local people of the Holme Valley don't want our Green Belt building on!** Yes they want more affordable homes, **but on 'brownfield sites only'**

Your voice, your Holmfirth results

 kirkleesdemocracy | March 15, 2022 | 0 Comments

Holme Valley South ward councillors and Kirklees Council staff asked local people what they think of Holmfirth town centre now, and what they'd like to see in the future. We used a tool called the "Place Standard" which encourages conversations about any place, using some simple questions. Working with local partners, we will use the results to help with planning how to invest in Holmfirth town centre, to reflect local people's priorities. We'd like to say thank you to everyone who took part.

Who participated?

We talked with people and local businesses in the town centre, at Holmfirth Library and at Holmfirth market. We also listened in person to views of people representing local groups, such as Holmfirth Business Association, River Holme Connections, Holmfirth Transition Town, Holmfirth Civic Society, Holmfirth festival organisers and the 8-12 years youth club at the Phoenix Centre. 402 people took part online.

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citizens took part in the activities

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Place Standard assessments were completed

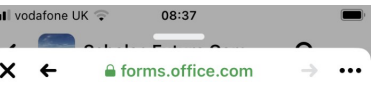
Q5 Homes that are affordable

People in Holmfirth have told us that they would like to see more affordable homes in the area for families, young people and older people in particular and for house building to be on brownfield sites only. Older people to be closer to local amenities and a sense of community is important.

Please tell us how important each of these ideas from local people is to you.
Please rate the ideas from 1 to 3, with 1 being the most important to you and 3 being the least important to you.

	More affordable homes in the centre of Holmfirth (for rent), rejuvenate empty properties with a mix of commercial and housing use
	Improve conservation housing the centre of Holmfirth, eco-friendly housing, maintain & insulate old properties
	Restrict or regulate Air B&Bs – owners to apply for change of business use

Your comments and ideas



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Please rate the ideas from 1 to 3. Please use the arrows to move the ideas into your preferred order, with 1 being the most important to you (at the top) and 3 being the least important to you (at the bottom).

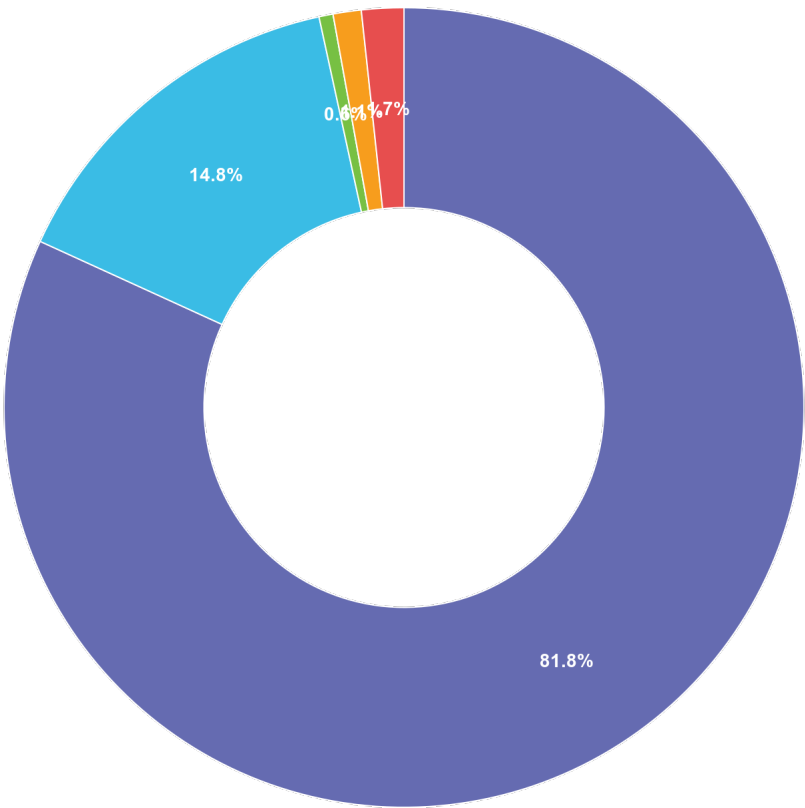
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The following pages list the questions and response from our survey. The pages in the report contain any additional comments and suggestions that participants provided. These comments, written in the participants own words, give a real understanding of their views about this proposal.

Q1 Please tell us where you currently live.*



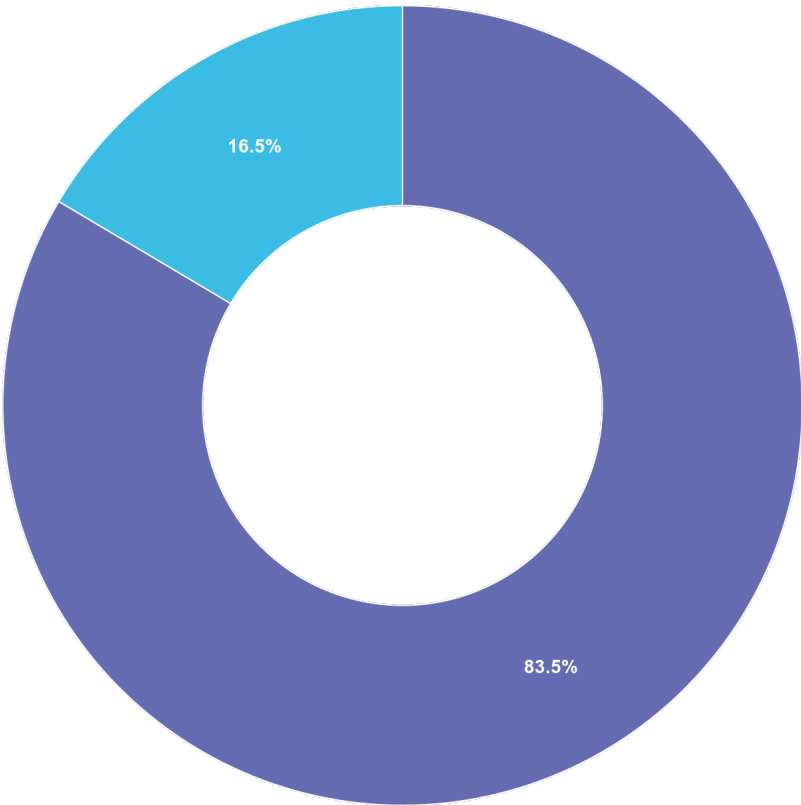
Answered: 176 Unanswered: 0

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Other*	3

*Other comments

- Specifically Totties
- In Totties
- Scholes village, on Chapelgate

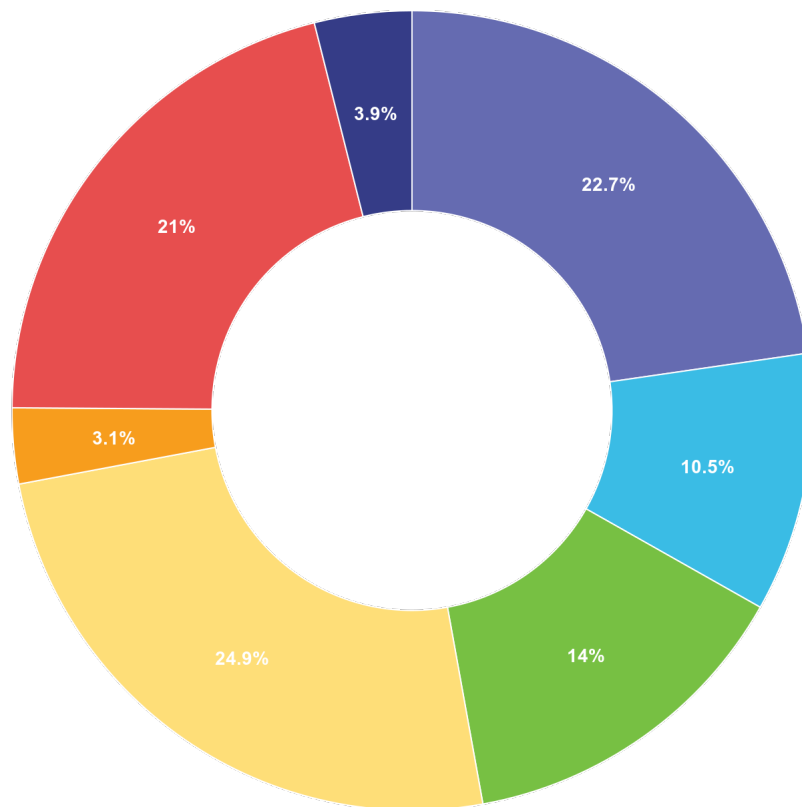
Q3 Before accessing this survey, were you aware of EcoHolmes CLT and the Holme Valley Land Charity’s plan to build 10 ‘affordable houses’ on the Old Quarry (Chippings site) on Chapelgate in Scholes?



Answered: 176 Unanswered: 0

Choice		Total
	Yes	147
	No	29

Q4 If you answered 'YES' to the previous question please can you confirm how you first became aware of the proposed development? Please select more than one answer if required.



Answered: 146 Unanswered: 30

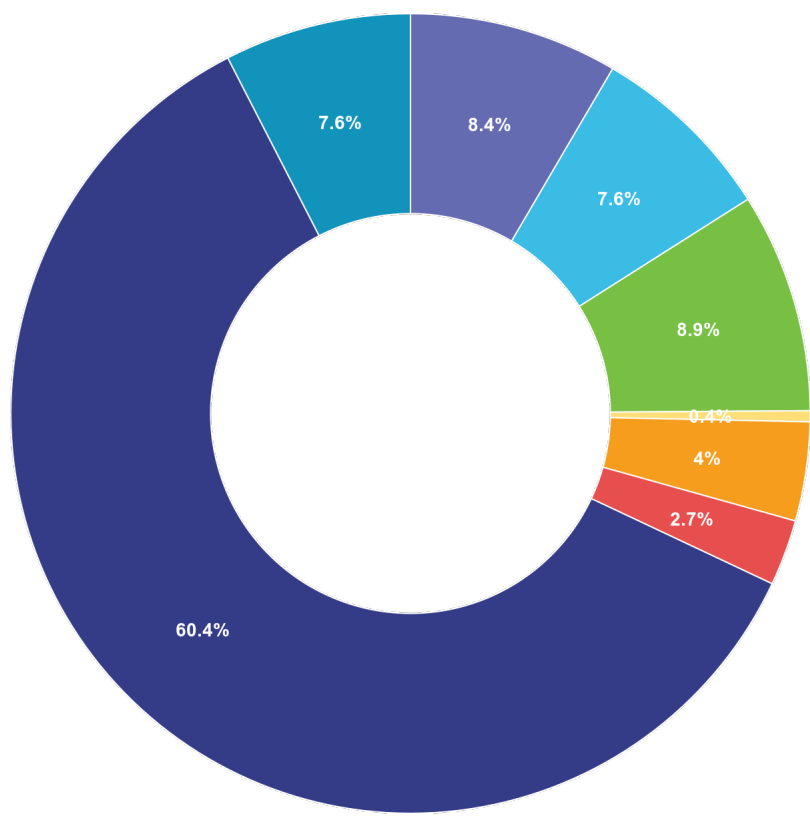
Choice	Total
 EcoHolmes leaflet posted through the door	52
 EcoHolmes consultation held on the Old Quarry site in 2021	24
 Holmfirth Community Group Facebook page	32
 Scholes Community Facebook page	57
 EcoHolmes website and/or Facebook page	7
 Word of mouth	48
 Other*	9

***Other** comments

- Monitoring the activities of the Holme Valley Parish Council and its links with Ecoholmes
- I was appalled when I thought it was 5 houses let alone 10
- Sign on the site at old quarry site
- Cannot recall"
- Been following the "land charity" closely for years now !!!
- Knew about it but not the site.

Q5 Do you think we need more houses in Scholes and if so, what type of houses?

For reference: *According to the UK government’s Definitions of general housing terms - 'Affordable housing is social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. Eligibility is determined by local incomes and local house prices'



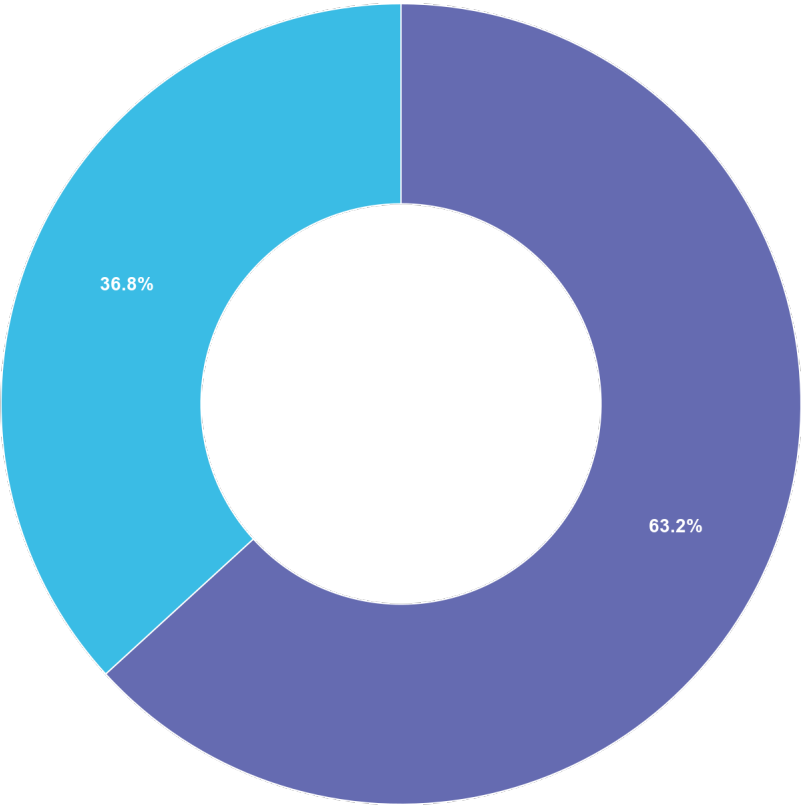
Answered: 173 Unanswered: 3

Choice	Total
Yes, affordable* homes to purchase	19
Yes, affordable* homes to rent	17
Yes, 2-3 bed family starter homes available to all	20
Yes, 4-5 bed family homes available to all	1
Yes, apartments/flats for older/retired people	9
Yes, apartments/flats for younger professionals/individuals/couples	6
No	136
Other*	17

***Other comments**

- There are already too many old houses without parking facilities so the roads around are congested with parked cars. This is no fault of the people who own those houses.
- Unless the school doubles in size and the roads miraculously get wider and parking is possible in the village.
- No more homes as roads are already busy
- Small infill developments, say <5% pa
- Affordable homes and social housing
- Starter homes for young people
- You haven't mentioned old people's i.e. bungalow
- Affordable to young people and bungalows instead of overpriced houses
- Why build new when there are so many houses empty in towns & cities?
- We have already lost so much space for housing. Go develop abandoned buildings.
- I don't know what the housing need is and where the need is distributed.
- Family starter homes to buy or rent
- We have enough houses
- Social housing for affordable rent
- There are a few spaces for infill minute no more big developments.

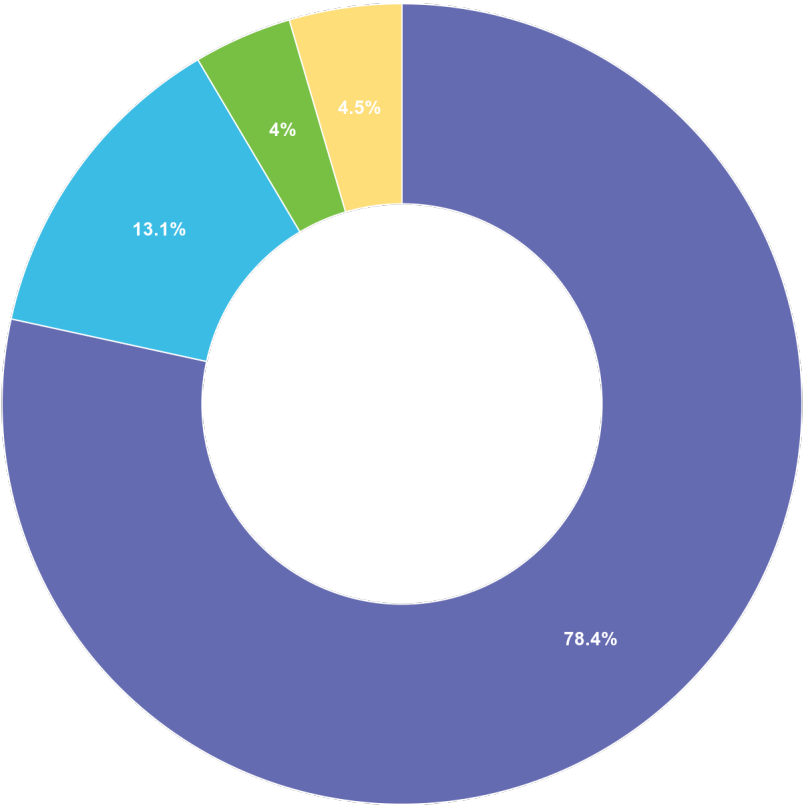
Q6 Were you aware, before reading this survey, that the Old Quarry (Chippings site) is Green Belt land?



Answered: 174 Unanswered: 2

Choice		Total
	Yes	110
	No	64

Q7 What are your views about building on Green Belt land?



Answered: 176 Unanswered: 0

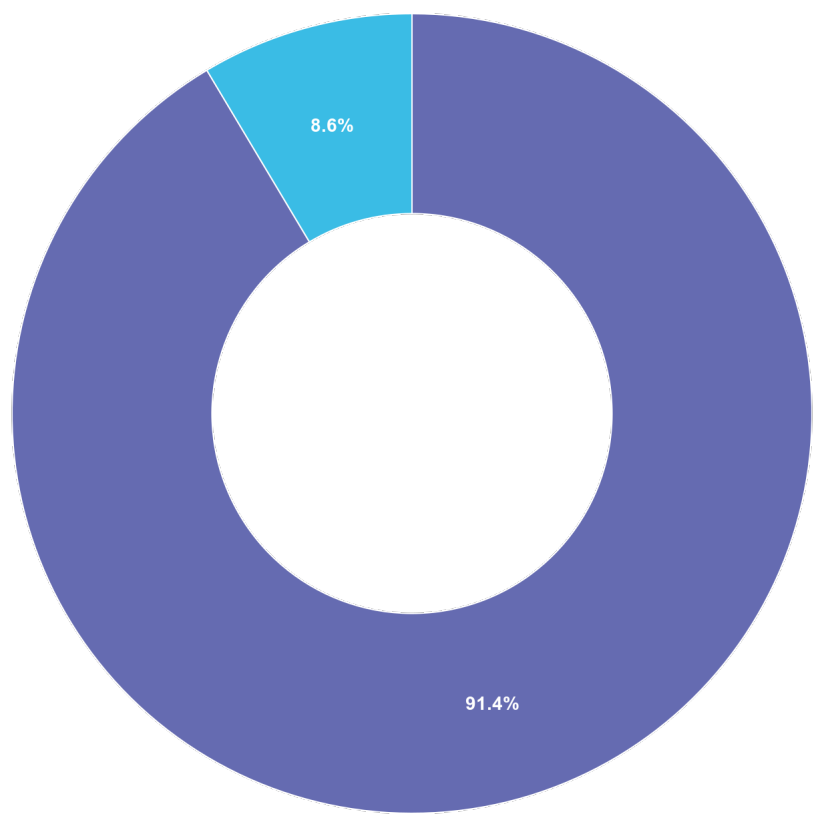
Choice	Total
Green Belt land should not be built on at all	138
Green Belt land should only be built on if there are no other options and the development is is desperately needed	23
Homes for people are more important than preserving Green Belt land	7
Other*	8

***Other comments**

- This particular site is appropriate for the development for social housing. The cost of land in the Holme Valley is the factor that is preventing any social house development
- In the last 40+ years too many properties have been built that were not affordable homes. Kirklees council should have insisted that a greater proportion of the houses built were for people with low incomes.
- It shouldn't be designated as green belt. It's a disused quarry which means to me it's a brown field site.
- Green belt land only considered when every piece of Brown Field land in a broad area has been developed
- Green belt should be preserved
- They built on Green Field sites on Cross Lane and Hade Edge in the last 2.5 years
- Keep building on green belt and their won't be any countryside left, clean up town's and cities first!

Q8 The Old Quarry (Chippings site) is land that was ‘gifted’ to the Holme Valley Parish Council for 'community use'.

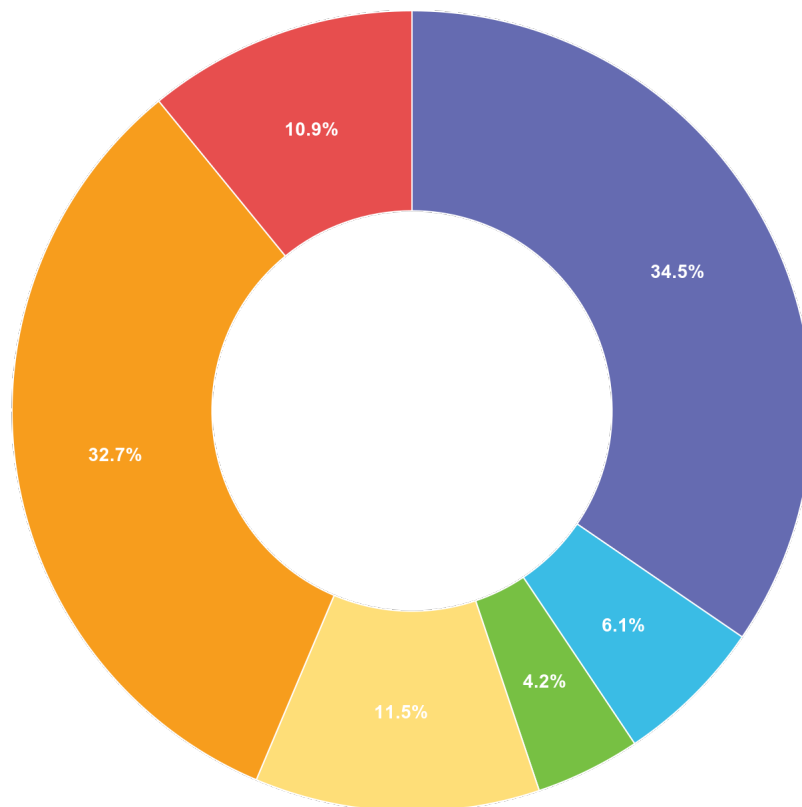
Based on this, and the fact that the site is Green Belt land, do you feel that building affordable houses on the site is the best use of this land?



Answered: 175 Unanswered: 1

Choice		Total
	No	160
	Yes (please provide reasons below)	15

Q9 If you answered '**No**' to the previous question, how best do you think the Old Quarry (Chippings site) could be used, if possible?



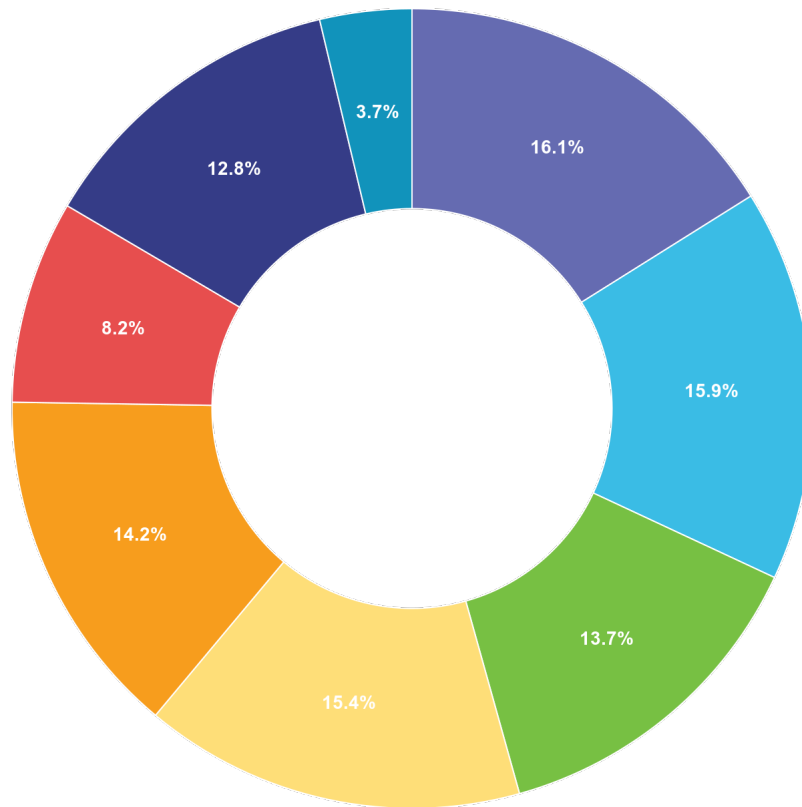
Answered: 165 **Unanswered:** 11

Choice	Total
 The site should be developed into a community green space, such as a nature area and/or learning space for the local community and schools	57
 The site should be developed into allotments or a community garden area	10
 The site should be developed into a children's play area/bike track	7
 The site should be used for tree planting as part of the Holme Valley Parish Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan to help reduce carbon	19
 The site should be left to rewild and encourage more biodiversity	54
 Other suggestions*	18

***Other suggestions**

- House illegal
- If not homes, I'm not saying it's must be used for homes if needs developing to something useful. All of the above are also great ideas.
- The site should be used for low cost social housing
- Either of the first 2 suggestions are suitable. The owner of the field immediately south of the Old Quarry has an access right in part through this site, which is being blocked by people dumping waste, grass cuttings etc.
- Alternatively it should be used for the benefit of kids like building a skate park or bicycle pump track.
- Any or all of the above
- 1 and 5
- Any of the above depending on what the majority of people in Scholes would like as it was gifted to them.
- The site should be developed into allotments or a community garden. It should be used for community purpose
- Any of the above
- All the above would benefit the community
- The site should be used for tree planting or left to rewild. The quarry floods so some of the above suggestions would not be feasible.
- Mix of tree planting and rewilding, also make a pond. Local bee farm near by and the world needs bees.
- Either of the last two.
- Any of the above but no houses on greenbelt

Q10 If the EcoHolmes development was to go ahead, what are your concerns, if any, about 10 'affordable homes/social housing' being built on the Old Quarry (Chippings site)? Please select more than one if required.



Answered: 171 **Unanswered:** 5

Choice	Total
 Building on Green Belt and wiping out existing wildlife and biodiversity	143
 Increase in traffic throughout Scholes village	141
 Potential parking issues on and around Chapelgate/Dean Bridge Lane/White Wells Road	122
 Road safety issues due to site being on a blind bend	137
 More pressure on the Scholes village water/sewer infrastructure	126
 Flooding issues	73
 Loss of community green space	114
 Other*	33

*Other comments

- All of the above plus the housing crisis for young people is nationwide and needs a 'bigger picture' view including a serious look at the number of houses being rented in the area and how many could be put back on the market for first time buyers etc etc etc
- Ridiculous idea to build here. An opinion shared by all apart from those set to gain, shame on them. DISGUSTING!
- Have you seen the speed cars travel around the bend... a fatal accident waiting to happen.
- Schools and doctors at capacity
- No concerns if site is developed properly
- If the land is only for community use surely it CANNOT be used for housing
- Trouble with Scholes and surrounding area to many second homes
- Ever increasing load on schools, doctors etc
- Overcrowding of schools and roads
- Sets up precedence for building on green belt land.
- Concern that they will look elsewhere in Scholes. Which there is no more suitable areas in Scholes even if they say there is. No More Houses!
- Gives green light for other supposed community organisations to build over green belt.
- Overcrowding of our school, already full
- Pressure on local schools and lack of ability of local schools to meet need
- It doesn't address the issue of second homes and holiday lets that are causing a lack of affordable housing in the Valley.
- Carbon footprint for construction process. Our planning department have an outdated view on building style and techniques.
- Pave the way for more of our green belt to be built on
- The biodiversity impact will be huge. Local insect and bird populations depend on this site as one of the only areas locally to have been allowed to re wild.
- Concerns around the criteria for residing in "affordable housing"
- None
- School spaces

Q11 Are you aware that the Holme Valley Parish Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) 2021 already includes a site on Scholes Moor Road which has been identified by Kirklees Council for 28 new houses*?

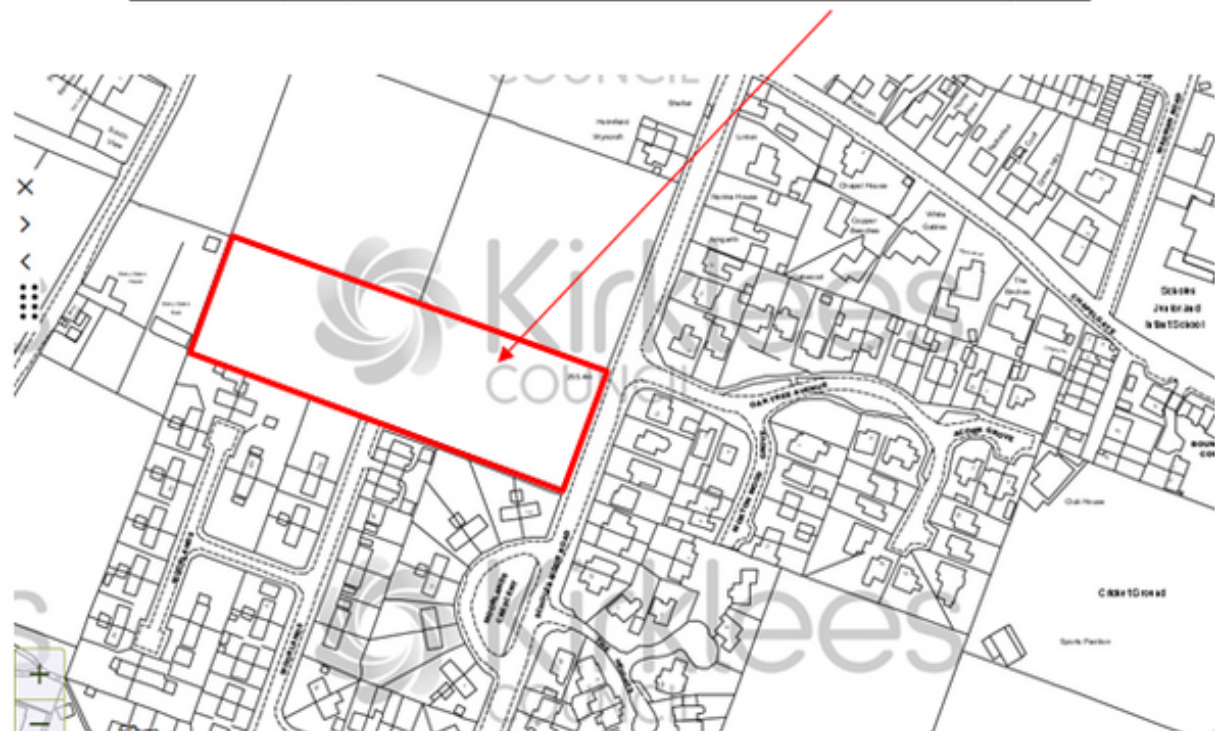
This, in addition to the EcoHolmes development, will mean **a further 38 homes in Scholes**. What are your views on this?

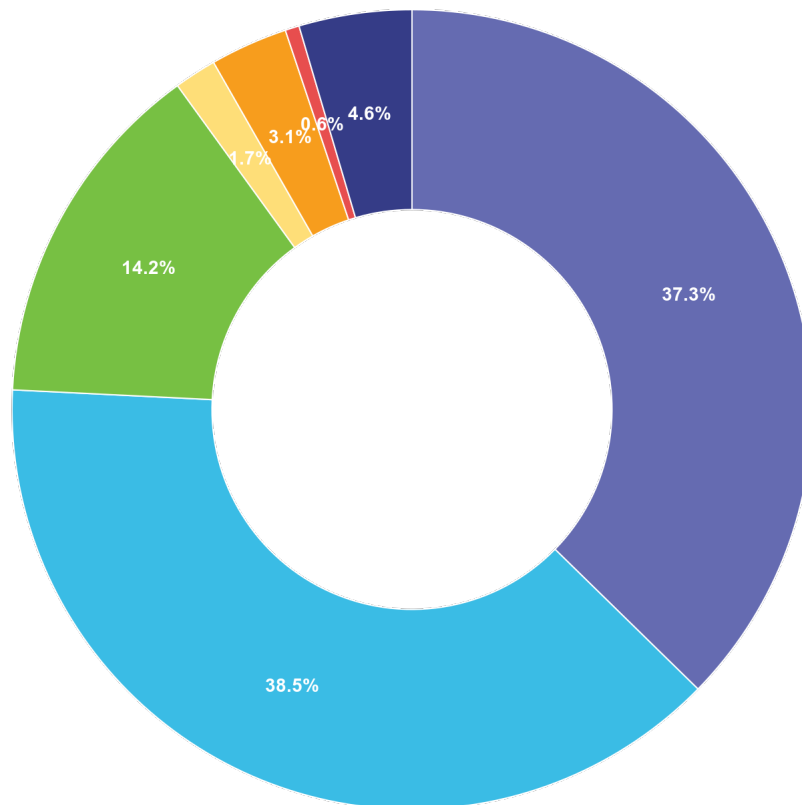
*Kirklees haven't specified if these are required to be affordable homes, and as yet no plans have been submitted.

4.5.6 Kirklees Council has identified an additional 1,087 homes to be located on 27 different sites in the Holme Valley. These are set out in Table 2 below:

Table 2 Local Plan Housing and Mixed Use Site Allocations

Location	Site Number	Number of Houses Proposed	Housing or Mixed Development
South of Sandy Gate, Scholes	HS182	28	Housing





Answered: 176 Unanswered: 0

Choice	Total
 I don't welcome either of these developments	131
 I am concerned that Scholes village roads and infrastructure cannot cope with the addition of 38 new houses.	135
 I am concerned that there will not be enough places at the junior school for my child to attend	50
 I welcome these developments as my family/friends/I want to buy a house in Scholes	6
 Scholes needs more houses, particularly affordable housing.	11
 I'd like to rent an affordable house in Scholes	2
 Other	16

***Other comments**

- What about the old people of Scholes who want to downsize but can't
- The school is at capacity as I know some who go to other local schools who live close by.
- No money from EcoHolmes to improve infrastructure
- I don't believe these houses will be affordable
- The locality needs more low price housing but how much will there be in the mill redevelopment in Jackson Bridge?
- The recent refurbishment of the roads on Croslane are already failing down by Kirk's forestry business. Tares appeared almost immediately after resurfacing in exactly the same place they had failed previously.
- The area needs more homes to be built, it will generate income for the local economy

Q12 If you have any other comments or suggestions about the subjects covered in this survey please provide these below.

Admin Note: Disregard dates and times for comments added from 26-27 July, these are the dates and times paper survey responses were added online by Admin

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 1:36 PM UTC

Why this site? Just because it's free! Have EcoHolmes checked all available brownfield sites in the area. Can they prove this? It goes against their supposed 'eco ethos'. What a joke!

They should try living near re site. They wouldn't want it if their kids nearly got run over on a regular basis.

And a poxy £2k per year rent for projects in Scholes. What will that pay for?!

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 1:22 PM UTC

Too much is lost for so called "housing". Nature needs a home too!

Was the land "gifted" or did they pull strings to get it.

Stop them acquiring land and fields. No More Houses! Plant trees and wildflowers. Make Scholes nice again!

No matter what we do they will build some more. They already built Boshaw Mews. What part of 'no more housing' don't people understand. This is not NIMBY. We need more green space and wild areas. How many trees and wildflowers could have gone on here.

Most move out of cities to enjoy the space. Yet within years your view of a field is now a carpark.

They did some by the Boot and Shoe. House = money and that's all people care about. It really is.

When they were asked not to they said 'suggest somewhere else'. People are thick. SAVE OUR WILDLIFE not line your back pockets.

Also the field by the play group was built on "why?"

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 9:48 PM UTC

Also besides water and sewage issues we need more dentists surgery's and doctors surgery's, to cope with the increased people in the area.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 9:41 PM UTC

What a ridiculous idea to want t build on such a dangerous corner!!!

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 9:31 PM UTC

Our main concern is the danger presented by access to the site wherever it is situated.
Also the need to remediate the former quarry which has been filled.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 9:28 PM UTC

How is it possible for land designated green belt, and also land gifted to the community, to be developed for housing without a proper referendum for the community IN THAT AREA to decide what should happen to that land!

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 9:24 PM UTC

PLEASE DON'T BUILD!

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 9:23 PM UTC

Most of the roads into Scholes are narrow and winding. Many of them have no pavements, so with all the traffic it can be very dangerous walking into the village. Many cars are parked on roadsides. With more building it will exacerbate the problems.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 9:18 PM UTC

Mainly: Dangerous access, blind bend etc, plus car's parking on our narrow roads causing potential accidents.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 9:15 PM UTC

linda@XXXXX.go-plus.net (unfortunately admin can't read the written email address)

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 8:43 PM UTC

Use Brown Belt and/or existing empty buildings. We are trying to be eco conscious - stop building on green belt.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 8:37 PM UTC

The land should only be used in the spirit it was gifted, "for community use"

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 8:34 PM UTC

Balance of any development is required, mainly 2/3/4 bed houses with concentration at 2/3 beds. No further 5 bedroomed houses required.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 8:30 PM UTC

It's about time people living in Scholes realised that the majority are living in houses that are built on former green fields and just because they are happy pulling up the drawbridge to stop people having this chance is how people felt before their houses were built!!!

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 8:26 PM UTC

I'm so grateful you have put this group and survey together. EcoHolmes were so clever with their marketing and the way they structured their survey - it's a sneaky way of getting round building regs on a Green belt site!

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 7:34 PM UTC

The answers to this questionnaire become conflicting. There is a need for starter/affordable housing generally. To fulfil this need will impact on and raise the issues outlined above.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 1:17 PM UTC

This is a village and as such should not be used for development, only farming.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 1:15 PM UTC

If the land at the Old Quarry was "gifted" to HVPC for "community use" how can the gift be "available" for development? Is the quarry within the Graveship of Holme, and if so has the Constable been advised?

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 1:13 PM UTC

There is a lack of good quality small properties in the Holme Valley for people wishing to downsize from larger family homes. These would enable some scope for movement in the property market.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 12:48 PM UTC

Brownfield site at Jackson Bridge (J Woodhead) could eventually cover for 10 or 38 new houses - Scholes is full and roads are quite inadequate.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 12:45 PM UTC

As a retired couple who live in Totties we are fed up of the speeding traffic on the lane from Scholes etc, which will get worse from more housing. There are no pavements as you will know.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 12:43 PM UTC

The land is completely unsuitable, it floods regularly. It is the only safe place in Scholes where children can ride bikes. There is a great deal of wild lives there. Also there is no safe place for an entrance.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 12:39 PM UTC

I would prefer the HVPC and EcoHpolmes to develop the site for affordable housing. The alternative would be that the HVPC sell the site to the highest bidder. Then we would have a site with expensive unaffordable homes for our children!

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 12:20 PM UTC

The traffic up and down Greenhill Bank Road and along St George's road is already too much and too fast for small roads without pavements.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 12:04 PM UTC

In reference to question 10: No, way too much idiots on our country roads now

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 11:59 AM UTC

St Georges road cannot cope with more traffic, it's dangerous as it is. Neither can Greenhill Bank Road and the junction at the bottom cope with a further increase in traffic.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 11:43 AM UTC

Living in Totties our main concern is the problem with the increased traffic. There are NO pavements along Totties Lane and NO speed restrictions. This problem has been stated on every occasion when homes have been built in Scholes/Hade Edge.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 11:37 AM UTC

AFFORDABLE HOMES ARE NEVER AFFORDABLE TO MOST PEOPLE WITH THAT POSITION AND OUTLOOK THEY'VE GOT TO BE EXPENSIVE.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 11:35 AM UTC

In reference to question 7. Absolutely no!! Gifted for the community - would be better turned into a park or a play area for local kids, or left for wildlife.

Merely a cash generating scheme for those wishing to build housing - clearly no thought gone into anything other than making money to line their own pockets. Scholes can't cope with the new houses on Cross Lane (leaking sewerage) - the infrastructure just doesn't exist for more housing. Look around Huddersfield where roads are wider and more accommodating.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 11:32 AM UTC

Honesty from those pocketing the cash would be a start. DISGUSTING BEHAVIOUR.

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 9:34 PM UTC

Think we all know what's happening with eco homes trying to pull the wool over everyone's eyes. Anything that has anything to do with the land charity leaves a foul taste in your mouth!!!

Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 8:37 AM UTC

Scholes area has already had new houses built in the area and we do not want to see anymore anywhere in Scholes/Totties as roads, schools, doctors etc., can not cope with more people. It will spoil the quiet village we chose to live in.

Why not build new houses nearer to towns eg Huddersfield where there are better transport links, more jobs Not in rural villages on green belt land

Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 11:36 AM UTC

I'm particularly concerned about the precedent any new developments present. Traffic and infrastructure are becoming significant issues, as is road safety.

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 6:54 PM UTC

I believe that more housing in Scholes Village is not a good idea, as the Schools in the area and infrastructure will not be able to sustain or meet the demand or the increase in housing.

As it is we don't even have a surgery, we all go to Holmfirth which is not convenient for some people especially the elderly. I believe the council should provide more community based projects (better Community Centre) than building new houses. Thank you.

Monday, June 13, 2022, 1:24 PM UTC

I am not likely to be massively affected by the use of The Chippings site but have big concerns about the increased traffic from new houses and the effect of that on the general area, the roads through the village can be very busy and parking is becoming more difficult with more double parking on our village's narrow roads. On my walks around the village I'm also seeing the green belt in our area being infilled gradually, with engineering works for gardens next to green belt, untidy farm storage, cutting fields, putting in hardstandings and fencing, this destroys habitats as well, not just building big estates. The fields between St George's road and Sheffield road through to Slater Barn is a good example, where it's being developed across towards Ravens Way, bit by bit, and where the house near the footpath lower down by Lee Mills has put big blocks of stone near the river, and the state of the fields near the new houses on Cross Lane where the farm is. This is people trying to blur the edges of where the village ends I think so more difficult to object to.

Sunday, June 12, 2022, 11:53 PM UTC

The rapid development of the Holmfirth area in terms of increased housing is already observably having an adverse effect upon local roads and the amount of local traffic, which is very rapidly increasing, causing increased risks, local pollution, and problems on the road infrastructure that is not built for the level of housing that is being built, and the level of road traffic that it is currently having to cope with. We moved to Holmfirth from a city for the benefits of being in the countryside (we live in an extremely old house, and not in a house that has been part of any developments such as this), but this is being eroded by the constant building of houses in this area, which will ultimately have an extremely detrimental effect upon the area. In addition, the increased housing will have a detrimental effect upon school places in existing schools, with the only solution to build more schools, thereby using more green belt land, and so on in a downward spiral, until Holmfirth becomes just another metropolis, which many residents will not be happy to live in, and will move, with a potential impact upon the local economy et cetera. This constant building of houses in Holmfirth needs to stop, before it merely becomes like an area of a city with hardly any green space at all. We should not be building more 'affordable homes for rent' through the council, at a time when there are many Governmental policies in place to assist first time buyers to get on the housing market, and, as everywhere else in the country and are encouraging people to buy houses, rather than utilise subsidised housing via the local council. I am truly shocked and angered at the amount of house builds that are being permitted by the council in the Holmfirth area; if it continues, there will be a lot of negative consequences that the council are clearly not currently foreseeing.

Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 8:26 AM UTC

Thank you for fighting hard for this cause.

Monday, June 6, 2022, 3:34 PM UTC

Do not build on green belt. It's been a village all these years, let's keep it that way

Sunday, June 5, 2022, 7:09 PM UTC

Scholes is already densely populated with busy roads. There have been new housing developments built nearby in Hade Edge, Ryecroft in Scholes and Upper Bank End Road nearby, with development about to begin in Jackson Bridge also. This is already straining the local infrastructure beyond what is reasonable. It is imperative to protect our green belt land as it is what makes living here special. If housing development is to continue then brown field sites must be explored and infrastructure must also be developed to meet demand. The chippings old quarry site is completely unsuitable in terms of road safety, flooding (at the site and further down the hill) and harming biodiversity.

Sunday, June 5, 2022, 6:43 PM UTC

Scholes has done its bit to provide new homes and now we must protect the green belt surrounding the village. There is a planned development in Jackson Bridge on a brownfield site which will provide “affordable homes”. While I welcome that particular development site I still worry about the impact on Scholes’ infrastructure and community.

Saturday, June 4, 2022, 10:47 AM UTC

We need more green space not less.

Friday, June 3, 2022, 11:42 PM UTC

This is not a neutral, impartial and objective survey. The questions are biased and leading with phrases in bold type intended to elicit the response desired by the prejudiced designers of the survey.

Thursday, June 2, 2022, 7:42 PM UTC

Roads and School couldn’t cope before the last lot of houses built in Scholes (bowshaw mews)

Thursday, June 2, 2022, 6:30 PM UTC

We have already suffered the consequences of the houses built on Cross Lane (H38) - totally out of character houses that were approved by KMC despite a vigorous campaign opposing the destruction of our green fields. No account was taken of the local infrastructure and the lack of facilities in the village to accommodate such a development, and since nothing has been done to improve local infrastructure (drainage, schools, roads) or the provision of healthcare or additional public transport, this proposed use of the Old Quarry would further add to a deterioration in the quality of life here in Scholes, whilst destroying a much-needed green space which provides a natural haven for wildlife.

Thursday, June 2, 2022, 1:11 PM UTC

Build somewhere else.

Friday, May 27, 2022, 5:32 AM UTC

Scholes residents should look at the recent history of HVPC, and note how its Developer-friendly arm Holme Valley Land Charity have ignored local community demands to retain local green space, in favour of selling to the highest bidder. In this case the land is effectively being given away to a developer., This proposal is using ‘affordable’ as a greenwash for other motives.

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 5:54 PM UTC

All villages all over the uk are going to have to accept new housing due to the housing shortage. The old quarry site is a small development and small price to pay. Larger developments are not sustainable without significantly improved roads and services infrastructure in Scholes.

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 4:16 PM UTC

I think opposition to these plans, carefully considered in conjunction with Holme Valley Parish Council, to help those in our community who cannot afford to buy are misplaced. There should be no room for NIMBYs in our welcoming community.

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 1:53 PM UTC

The quarry site is not unloved. It is a small peaceful haven to be enjoyed by the community in general. .

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 6:31 PM UTC

Enough is enough, leave green belt as it was meant. We have enough houses in Scholes, what was once a beautiful small friendly community village is now is over populated in all aspects. The roads, parking etc is an absolute nightmare, just to name the 1. There is plenty of land other than green belt to build on. We have just had developments at Hade Edge and Cross Heights. Enough is enough. .

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 8:51 AM UTC

I live near this land at scholes moor road and since the development at the top we now have constant flooding which we never had before. This field is prone to be water logged in the winter and more building will exacerbate the problems in the village on an already stretched water and sewage system. Our farms are already suffering and with increased food shortages worldwide how can they make a resurgence once the fields are gone forever. Negotiating out of the village at peak times is becoming increasingly harder with the increasing traffic and lack of pavements and more traffic will put pedestrians at greater risk.

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 8:21 AM UTC

I grew up on the moorlands estate. As a child I played in the chipping dale site for hours on end. Exploring. The site does need transforming but I feel it just isn't suitable for housing, access is poor and it's a small space for 10 houses.. By transforming the site into a community space, I feel it would bring people of Scholes together.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 10:39 PM UTC

I am concerned about any further developments in Scholes as the improvements in the infrastructure are not keeping pace with the growth of the village. In particular we have reason to believe that during periods of heavy rain, the overflow from the sewerage system is diverted into a local stream. This situation will be exacerbated by the building of extra homes.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 8:09 PM UTC

Scholes is a lovely village to live in so I appreciate more people want to move here. With people not leaving the area there is a demand for homes. However, with the new homes there will be no improvement to roads, parking, utilities and no more school spaces for local children.

Affordable homes have been promised before and not delivered- this happens all over Kirklees and the UK as a whole, what makes this site any better? I don't trust the developers.

With 1 new housing estates having just been built at the top of Scholes, with no infrastructure development, I don't believe the 10 new homes are needed or can be supported. On top of that, my concern is this would set a precedent for further building on green belt land.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 4:27 PM UTC

The quarry is greenbelt & should be left as such.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 2:25 PM UTC

I have lived in the area close to the quarry for 75 years. In my early days it was a quarry and then a place to store chippings. It is now a pleasure to see it as a wild life haven. Small green places are a necessity in these troubled times.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 2:02 PM UTC

Leave our Green Belt alone!!!

Most of the people I've spoken to about this proposal are very much against it! A recent survey carried out by Kirklees Council, which approx 3700 Holme Valley residents replied to, clearly states that local people may want affordable housing but for it to be built on brownfield sites ONLY. The Holme Valley Parish Council and EcoHolmes need to listen.

Yes we need more affordable homes in the Holme Valley, but not at the loss of valuable Green Belt. HV Parish Council are involved in various green initiatives across the valley, new trees planting, saving green spaces, enhancing biodiversity, reducing carbon, creating community gardens. It's complete hypocrisy and goes against the grain to come and dig up a green site like this, just because the land is 'free and available'!!

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 10:43 AM UTC

Your survey is a device to collect skewed data to manipulate opinion in the village. You are spreading misinformation. the hysterical tone and anti-Kirklees Council rhetoric is unreasonable and shuts down discussion. I wouldn't comment on social media to you as it results in a pile on. You don't represent me and I am born and raised in the Holme Valley and live in Scholes

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 9:51 AM UTC

I don't feel that any additional houses are required in Scholes. Houses have recently been built on Cross Lane and also approx 1 mile away in Hade Edge. I do not feel that the infrastructure and amenities in the village and surrounding villages can cope with yet more homes being built. The villages are small and the roads are not suitable for even more cars. I also question where all the additional cars would park as there is already a lack of parking in the village. The site proposed for the Eco Homes is simply not suitable for a housing development and I fear would become an accident hotspot due to its location. It should be developed into a green area for the community to use and the primary school children to use and learn from.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 8:47 AM UTC

There's only one winner in this and that's people lining their pockets at the top. They don't care about eco homes or affordable housing all they care about is making money. The Affordable houses won't be given to struggling local families they will be handed out to people from down town who don't work and don't care about the village, they won't care about looking after their house or doing anything good in the community. There is land all over Huddersfield not in use but that would mean spending more money ie the profit won't be as much for the greedy boss at the top!

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 7:48 AM UTC

I back you and I'm happy to help in anyway I can. I walk my dog and two small children in and around the chippings area and they love looking for animals and bugs and it would be such a shame to have another housing estate built in an area that has reclaimed itself back to nature

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:45 AM UTC

I would like to rent an affordable home in Scholes which seems impossible at the moment. I would prefer that brown field sites were used first if any building was to take place. I do think Scholes is saturated at the moment and the parking situation is horrendous. It is nice to take a stroll through the Chippings site and listen to all the birds singing and to spot the rabbits scurrying away. I do wonder where all the rainwater will go as the site gets flooded often when it rains.

Monday, May 23, 2022, 9:20 PM UTC

Building on Green belt is absolutely ridiculous, especially in light of the comments from the Holmfirth community, that only Brownfield sites should be used! It makes no sense and it should be turned down by planning. There are far more suitable sites and I'm very worried how this proposal has got so far! EcoHolmes surveys bear no resemblance to actual fact!

Monday, May 23, 2022, 8:09 PM UTC

The Parish Council should have involved the local community in discussions as to what they wanted to do with this site, not simply consulted the community once they've already decided to go ahead and build the houses... The roads in the village are overcrowded and dangerous as is, we cannot afford to have more houses here...

The ideas put forward by EcoHomes are misleading - e.g. they won't be getting Pasivhaus accreditation (despite literature referring to this) and they are ill-thought through (parking issues/ access to site etc.) and they are also making promises that they can't keep (e.g. houses will be for 'local' people to rent - when they can't say what 'local' means).

Monday, May 23, 2022, 7:23 PM UTC

Parking is a very serious problem in Scholes. The roads are all narrow, and consequently many cars are parked on the pavements. 38 extra houses could mean another 70+ cars.... the village cannot cope as it is. One of our neighbours for example has 4 cars... mum, dad + 2 kids. Their drive only fits 2, so 2 are always parked outside neighbours houses, which has the knockon effect of course. This and many other houses have their garage converted into living space... so the car goes on the road! Perhaps this practice should be stopped?
Thank you to SOSGB for what you are doing.

Monday, May 23, 2022, 6:10 PM UTC

The beautiful green belt around our village needs protecting and I'm so glad the village is coming together about this. I fought against the beer garden being built on the green belt, and felt I was the only one defending it!

Monday, May 23, 2022, 6:00 PM UTC

Developers are quick to concrete over our landscape and green belt for a quick buck. None of these developments will benefit local residents as they lose their natural landscape bit by bit but will make someone a good amount of money

Monday, May 23, 2022, 5:08 PM UTC

Locally affordable housing does not all have to be in Scholes. The Holme Valley has many brown field sites which could be utilised. Planning permission for multiple developments should only be granted with a guarantee from the LA of increasing health and school services.

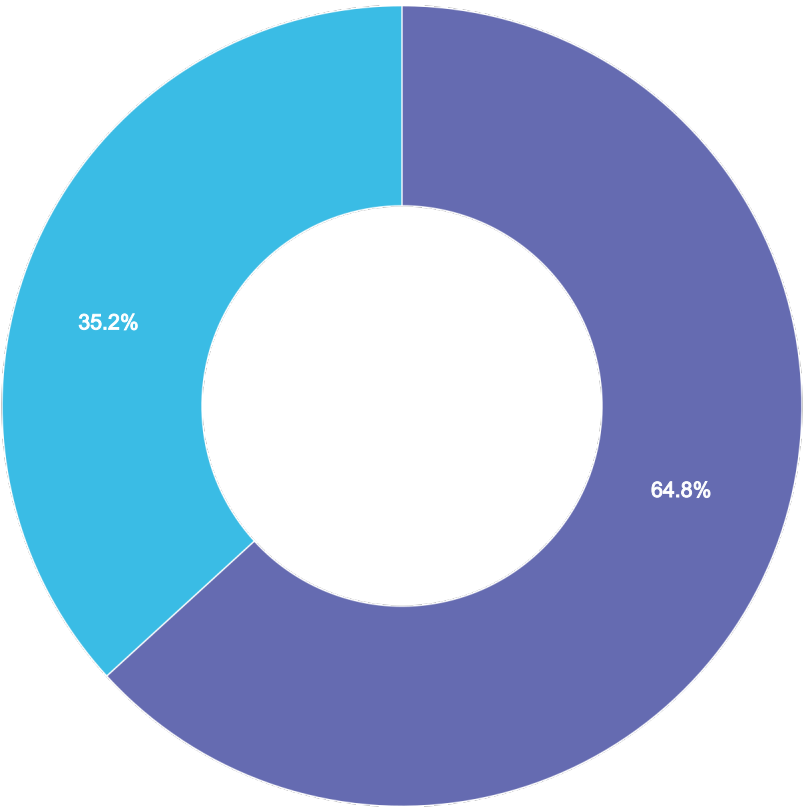
Monday, May 23, 2022, 4:58 PM UTC

This scheme should not go ahead.

Answered: 69 **Unanswered:** 107

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Responses submitted via online or paper survey.



Answered: 176 Unanswered: 0

Choice	Total
Online survey	114
Paper survey	62

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Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Comments as made previously (in early 2016) still apply, with some amendments:

1. Appropriacy of housing

Nationally, there is a need for smaller houses (1 or 2 beds) with ready access to work and transport. Developers would be looking to build 3 or 4 bed homes, but there are already many of these in the existing developments in Scholes. Our greatest need for housing in Holme Valley South is for what were called 'affordable houses', now referred to as 'starter homes'; we need 1 or 2 bedroomed houses (as first time buyer homes) and 2.5 bedroomed houses and good quality flats (as second time buyer homes).

The size and density of the developments have no regard for the size, character, and setting of the village. 20 years ago a planning inspector said of a proposal to build 91 homes on part of H38: "... it would be incompatible with the size, character and setting of Scholes..." and rejected the proposal. (NPPF 50 and 58/DLP2.2a refer).

The population of Scholes already stands at 1990 people; the development of these sites would increase the population by approx. 20% (assuming 2 persons per household).

The village has already been over-developed and these proposed developments add nothing to local amenities, in circumstances where the village has recently lost the local working men's club and parking area to development (NPPF 28/DLP3 refers).

Site H8 is in the Green Belt. (NPPF 79 and 89/DLP2.4 refer). Development on greenfield sites is not supported, when there are lots of existing brownfield sites, e.g. the old Alexander's Garage (off Bradford Road); the site of the old sports centre in Huddersfield to name but a few.

2. Employment: There are very few jobs in Holmfirth. Those that do exist tend to be low-paid 'service' industry jobs. That means that most of the people who moved to these houses would be taking work elsewhere – Huddersfield, Manchester, Bradford and Leeds. Apart from Huddersfield, these are not readily accessible by public transport and, therefore, given the absence of local employment opportunities, they will significantly increase commuting by private car. (NPPF 30 & 32/DLP20 refer).

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news has
since added
to this



3. Highways Infrastructure

- * Roads around Scholes are narrow and often have parked cars on either side. The lack of parking down Paris from the crossroads to the Post Office and then on to Brooklands and Totties garden centre has made these roads into a daily slalom, cars diving in and out of gaps to make progress and avoid other oncoming cars.
- * Since the re-development of St Georges Club into four houses, cars visiting the Post Office and Boot and Shoe are now parked on the road, making it very narrow.
- * Buses struggle to get through at times and drivers regularly have to pull in or reverse to allow larger vehicles through. Emergency Services would also have difficulty.

- * Concerns re additional traffic at school time – both the village primary school and Holmfirth High School have had serious traffic issues for many years, so increasing pupil intake can only make this problem worse.

- * Access to Scholes via Cross Gate road is difficult and also narrow. In winter this often becomes impassable. This leaves the only sensible access to Scholes as Scholes Moor Road via Hade Edge and, in reality, it is not possible to insist that new people use this as the main access route. People will travel in the direction they need to go and the roads are just not suitable for a large amount of traffic. They are country roads, built primarily for a small amount of traffic and farm vehicles.

Dean Bridge
Road issues
in winter!

- * The highways infrastructure is much as it was 30 years ago, beset with pinch points and lacking pedestrian footways. Such public transport as there is struggles with these pinch points.

As long ago as 1987 the Council's Holmfirth and Meltham Local Plan stated at para 13.6.2: "The residential areas of Wooldale, Scholes, Totties, Netherthong, and Upperthong have inadequate access arrangements which have been exacerbated over recent years by developments for which planning permission was generally given over 10 years ago. Investigations have been carried out to examine the opportunities to improve the highways network in these areas. However, with the limited resources available no highways improvements beyond those detailed in Paragraphs 13.4.2 to 13.4.6 above are currently envisaged within the Plan period. In this respect further residential development of these areas beyond low density infill should be resisted."

Many local roads are too narrow and in many places lack pedestrian footways. (NPPF 34/DLP20 refer).

Lower end of
* Chapelgate
has NO
pavements

- * The road junction exits surrounding the village are awkward and constricted even for the current amount of traffic and adding over 200 more cars (conservative estimate based on only one per new household) will without doubt increase the number of accidents at pinch points.

- At Dunford Road close to Underbank Rugby Club entrance (fast blind corner)
- Cinderhills to Holmfirth road (very narrow, blind corners, single lane due to lots of parked cars)
- Scholes to Jackson Bridge (very narrow, blind corners, single lane due to lots of parked cars)
- Via Scholes centre via Totties and down to New Mill (very narrow, blind corners, single lane due to lots of parked cars)

- Junction of Chapelgate/Deanbridge Lane and White Wells

- * Often gridlock at Holmfirth centre since the 'new' traffic lights having a detrimental impact on flow of traffic, particularly from New Mill and Dunford Road.

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- * The roads are currently in a poor state and will get worse due to an increase in use. However, there are no proposals to improve the highways or increase school places south of Huddersfield over the next 15 years. (NPPF 32/DLP3 refer).

4. Utilities/Services:

- * Scholes area already suffers from frequent power disruption to electricity supply, so there is obviously an issue at the sub-station.
- * Concern that mains sewers and sewerage works do not have the capacity to cope with all the proposed new building.

* Recent Sewer collapse at Jackson Bridge!

5. Environmental Issues

Dean Bridge
Dyke!
early
2022!

- * The road gullies are already overflowing on a regular basis so adding the extra development to the already insufficient sewerage system is going to make this a serious recurring problem.
- * Road drainage unable to cope with rainfall and surface water already, making roads dangerous at times, especially in winter.
- Recent weeks have seen unprecedented flooding across our region. This raises serious issues about areas where rain water can soak away. We have already seen flooding in New Mill and Dunford Road often looks like a river after heavy rainfall. Covering pasture with buildings will not help this situation.
- At present the area supports a wide range of flora and fauna, which helps to give the area its character. Any level of development would reduce the diversity present in our area.
- Site H8 is Green Belt land and should not be touched at any price.
- They are close to the Morton Wood Local Wildlife Site. (NPPF 109 & 117/DLP31 refer).

6. Education: Local schools are already full and no capacity to take a further 200 children (from this development alone); village school is full and over-subscribed. (NPPF 72/DLP3 refer).

7. Farming

- The land proposed is regularly used as pasture for cattle. How will the local farmers be affected by the loss of land to use for their animals? Farming is already under threat and restricting the land available for grazing would be detrimental to local milk production.
- Proposed development on these sites would destroy rather than encourage local business by taking away grazing land (the local milk producer would close) and would detract from the local landscape which attracts tourism – a vital part of the local economy. (NPPF 17 & 28/DLP10 refer).

8. Impact on Tourism: The Valley attracts tourists - both day visitors and residential - to the area, who come as a legacy of Last of the Summer Wine. However, they are also increasingly attracted by the local festivals (Film, Arts, Art Week, Folk festival) and also the possibility to enjoy the countryside and relax in the local area. Some of the local development planning looks at how to utilise these opportunities. Scholes features in several local walks and cycle rides, often taking visitors over to the pub and cafe in Hepworth. Any development of this area creates an almost continuous stretch of housing from Holmfirth centre right out into the countryside.

9. Play Areas : The only local children's playground in the village (behind the Moorlands estate) will disappear under the footprint of site H38. (NPPF 74/DLP3 refer).

The Parish Council is aware that the playground has been removed from the Local Plan and, therefore, is to remain as it is now. We are happy to see that the playground will remain as it was and would like to suggest that it remains this way indefinitely.

The Parish Council has recently had communications from Scholes residents with continuing concerns about the amount of housing allocated for Scholes. They also attended a recent Planning Committee meeting to voice their concerns. While the Local Plan process has been progressing a lot of the Scholes residents were suggesting that more brownfield sites should be used before greenfield/green belt sites were used or allocated for use. The suggestions were made by several residents that the nearby site at Dobroyd Mills, Hepworth/Jackson Bridge should be used for housing as it is a brownfield site.

Whilst the process of the Local Plan has been ongoing, the owners of Dobroyd Mills, Hepworth/Jackson Bridge have now submitted plans to develop the site for housing. The Parish Council feels that this would be a more appropriate site than building on the greenfield site in Scholes. This should then also greatly reduce the issue of excessive housing in Scholes.

The Parish Council is happy that H8 and SL2300, which are on green belt, are now both rejected sites and would like to suggest that they remain this way indefinitely.

The Parish Council notes the splitting up of H38 into three separate allocations on the same footprint as H38, with an immediate allocation for 188 new dwellings, namely H297 (47 dwellings, 1.37 hectares at a density of just over 34 per hectare), H597 (141 dwellings, 4.04 hectares at a density of 35 per hectare) and SL3359. This results in a reduction from 215 to 188 dwellings. The Parish Council recognises this reduction, but would prefer to see a further reduction in housing within Scholes.

Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the Matter you have identified above where this relates to soundness. (N.B. Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

The Parish Council objects to the development of the abovementioned sites, as the proposals are not in line with national and local planning policies (NPPF and DLP). The Parish Council therefore recommends that all these sites are removed from the draft Local Plan Site Allocations.

The Parish Council was disappointed to learn that Kirklees Council would not be holding its own drop-in sessions in the Holme Valley but, from our own contribution to the process, the Parish Council would ask Kirklees Council to listen to the views of all those residents who have commented on the sites in our area, and perhaps Kirklees should rethink its approach in Hade Edge, Scholes and Holmbridge particularly.

The Parish Council feels that there are other more appropriate sites for development in Kirklees, which should be considered as alternatives to excessive development in the Holme Valley. For example, the Parish Council would support the development of the site at Storthes Hall, which has better access and road/highways infrastructure, and would alleviate the traffic congestion in more rural locations such as Scholes.

There are real concerns that, under the draft Local Plan, there will be no transport infrastructure improvement in South Kirklees despite more homes to be built. Existing roads and road junctions are already at over-capacity and any further large-scale development in the areas mentioned above is therefore unsustainable.

The Parish Council understands that Dobroyd

Mills and Washpit Mills are classed as 'Windfall sites'. However, the Parish Council would prefer to see these two sites as part of the housing allocation for the Holme Valley, so as to reduce the impact on other PDLP sites in the Holme Valley.