

May 2023

STATEMENT  
OF  
COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT

ERECTION OF 61 AGE RESTRICTED  
APARTMENTS, 2 GUEST ROOMS, EXTERNAL  
RESIDENTS LOUNGE, MANAGERS OFFICE,  
RESIDENTS AND VISITOR PARKING, NEW  
BRIDGE ACCESS, RIVERSIDE WALKWAY AND  
RELATED ENGINEERING WORK TO FORMER  
MILL DAM  
AT PRICKLEDEN MILLS, WOODHEAD ROAD,  
HOLMFIRTH.

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## **STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI)**

- 1.1 This Statement has been prepared to support a planning application for the redevelopment of the site formerly occupied by Prickleden Mill, off Woodhead Road, Holmfirth.
- 1.2 Community and stakeholder engagement is a key aspect of the planning process as set out in the updated National Planning Policy Framework as well as within Kirklees Councils Statement of Community Involvement
- 1.3 The Kirklees Planning Validation Requirements came into effect in February 2023 with a comprehensive validation checklist. The checklist explains that the SCI is a statement detailing pre-application consultation methods, a summary of responses and how these have been taken into consideration.
- 1.4 In this case the applicant has not undertaken any pre-application consultation prior to the submission of this application. There has been a long planning history for this site, with planning permission being granted for 46 age restricted apartments in December 2013 (Ref: 2012/90738) Following that there were several variations before a new planning application was submitted by the current applicant in May 2021 (Ref: 2021/92003). Whilst that application was refused, the planning process means that the scheme was well advertised with members of the public as well as statutory undertakers and key stakeholders. The consultation process undertaken as part of the planning process is more thorough and robust than any pre-application consultation.
- 1.5 Whilst the previous application was refused, the applicant was able to take on board the comments which were helpfully summarised by the planning officer to guide the changes required with this new application.
- 1.6 Any further consultation would not add further clarity to the process and may in fact confuse matters.