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1 Introduction

The Council are required to produce an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) by Section 113 of the Localism Act. Detail of what must be included is set out by Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The AMR must be published at least annually and show progress with Local Plan preparation, report any activity relating to Duty to Co-Operate and show how the implementation of policies in the Local Plan is progressing¹.

2 Assessing progress against the Local Development Scheme

The Kirklees Local Plan Local Development Scheme was published in December 2017. The Local Development Scheme sets out a number of specific planning documents that are being prepared by the Council:

- Local Plan (including Strategy, Policies, Allocations, Designations and Policies Map)
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Charging Schedule
- Huddersfield Area Action Plan
- Dewsbury Area Action Plan
- Highway Design Supplementary Planning Document
- Quality Places Supplementary Planning Document (formerly named Design Guide SPD)
- Hot Food Take-away Supplementary Planning Document

The revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted by the Council on 22nd September 2015. The SCI sets out how we will work with local communities and stakeholders to develop planning policy documents such as the Kirklees Local Plan or guidance on specific issues.

2.1 Local Plan (including Strategy, Policies, Allocations, Designations and Policies Map)

TABLE 1: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - LOCAL PLAN TIMETABLE AND MILESTONES

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Publication Consultation	November 2016
Submission to Secretary of State	March 2017
Examination	April 2017 – December 2018
Adoption	Adopted February 2019

The Local Plan was subject to publication consultation from 7th November 2016 to 19th December 2016, with submission to the Secretary of State in April 2017 (only one month later than programmed). The Examination in Public (a process run by the Planning Inspectorate) took longer than programmed and resulted in a short overall delay to the adoption date.

Appendix 2 of the Local Plan Strategy and Policies Document sets out the Monitoring Framework for the policies within the Local Plan.

¹ http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/local-plans/adoption-monitoring-and-supplementary-planning-documents/#paragraph_027

2.2 Community Infrastructure Levy – Charging Schedule

TABLE 2: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY TIMETABLE AND MILESTONES

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Consultation	2015-2016
Submission to Secretary of State	April 2017
Examination	2018 – now anticipated 2019
Adoption	2018 – now anticipated 2019

The CIL Charging Schedule was subject to publication consultation from 7th November 2016 to 19th December 2016 and was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in April 2017 as timetabled in the Local Development Scheme. The examination (a process run by the Planning Inspectorate) has taken longer than programmed and together with Government changes to CIL Regulations the council anticipates a later adoption date than programmed.

2.3 Supplementary Planning Documents

There are currently three Supplementary Planning Documents being produced by the Council with the following anticipated timetables and milestones:

2.3.1 Highway Design SPD

TABLE 3: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - HIGHWAY DESIGN SPD

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Preparation	2017 - 2018
Consultation	Completed 2018
Adoption	2018 – now anticipated to be early 2019

2.3.2 Quality Places SPD

TABLE 4: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - QUALITY PLACES SPD (REFERRED TO AS THE DESIGN GUIDE SPD IN THE CURRENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME)

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Preparation	2018 onwards
Publication Consultation	Anticipated 2019
Adoption	Anticipated 2020

2.3.4 Hot Food Take-Away SPD

TABLE 5: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - HOT FOOD TAKE-AWAY SPD

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Preparation	2018 onwards
Publication Consultation	Anticipated 2019
Adoption	Anticipated 2020

Preparation of the supplementary planning documents began in 2018 in accordance with the Local Development Scheme. Further progress on the Supplementary Planning Documents will be reported in the next Authority Monitoring Report.

2.4 Area Action Plans

There are currently two Area Action Plans being produced by the Council with the following anticipated timetables and milestones:

TABLE 6: HUDDERSFIELD AREA ACTION PLAN

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Early Engagement	2018 – now anticipated early 2019
Consultation on Draft Area Action Plan	2018 – now anticipated 2019
Publication Consultation	TBC
Submission to Secretary of State	TBC
Examination	TBC
Adoption	TBC

TABLE 7: DEWSBURY AREA ACTION PLAN

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Early Engagement	2018 – now anticipated early 2019
Consultation on Draft Area Action Plan	2018 – now anticipated 2019
Publication Consultation	TBC
Submission to Secretary of State	TBC
Examination	TBC
Adoption	TBC

The current Local Development Scheme proposed consultation on these documents during 2018, however due to the extended Examination in Public for the Local Plan, preparation of these documents started in late 2018 with early engagement consultation expected early 2019. Progress on the Area Action Plans will be reported in the next Authority Monitoring Report.

2.5 Neighbourhood Development Plans

In Kirklees, there are currently five areas of the district that have had a Neighbourhood Area approved for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. A map showing the coverage of each area can be found on the Council's website. The Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Area includes part of the Peak District National Park. The Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) is the planning body for this area and has also approved the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Area.

There are a number of key stages in the production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan following approval of a Neighbourhood Area. These include pre-submission consultation and publicity on the draft plan, submission to Kirklees Council, independent examination of the plan and then a referendum in the Neighbourhood Plan Area on whether the plan should be made and become part of the statutory development plan. In Kirklees, the five areas are yet to undertake pre-submission consultation and publicity on their plan. Progress on Neighbourhood Plans is set out below and further details can be found on the Neighbourhood group's website.

TABLE 8: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS

Area	Neighbourhood Group	Date Neighbourhood Area Approved	Progress
Newsome	Newsome Ward Community Forum	12 August 2014	Newsome Ward Community Forum are preparing a draft plan.
Holme Valley	Holme Valley Parish Council	27 January 2015 (Kirklees Council) 13 February 2015 (PDNPA)	Holme Valley Parish Council are preparing a draft plan.
Kirkheaton	Kirkburton Parish Council	8 March 2016	Kirkheaton Future are a steering group progressing the neighbourhood plan for the Kirkheaton area on behalf of Kirkburton Parish Council. They are preparing a draft plan.
Mirfield	Mirfield Town Council	19 December 2016	A steering group is producing a Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of the Town Council. They are preparing a draft plan.
Lepton	Kirkburton Parish Council	18 September 2018	Lepton Vision are the steering group producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Lepton area on behalf of Kirkburton Parish Council. They are at the evidence gathering/early engagement stage.

3 Duty to Cooperate

The duty to cooperate (DtC) is set out in section 110 of the Localism Act 2011 and in paragraphs 178 - 181 of the NPPF. Paragraph 181 of NPPF states that "*local planning authorities will be expected to demonstrate evidence of having effectively co-operated to plan for issues with cross-boundary impacts when their local plans are submitted for examination*".

The Local Authorities sharing a boundary with Kirklees are:

- Calderdale Council
- City of Bradford MDC

- Leeds City Council
- Wakefield Council
- Barnsley Council
- Oldham Council
- Peak District National Park Authority

The District also shares a boundary with High Peak Borough Council, however the responsibility for planning functions in the area adjacent to Kirklees rests with the Peak District National Park Authority.

Kirklees forms part of the Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Kirklees is one of the authorities that form the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA).

The Duty to Cooperate Statement identifies cross-boundary issues and logs the activities that have taken place between the Council, neighbouring authorities and other statutory consultees.

4 Housing Supply

4.1 Context

Reporting on the delivery of additional dwelling provision is a particularly important element of authority monitoring reports. The monitoring report must specify the number of dwellings built during the reporting period (1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017 and 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018). This section also sets out the remaining dwelling capacity on housing sites with planning permission.

4.2 Housing Requirement

The Kirklees Local Plan preparation has now reached an advanced stage of the Examination in Public. The Local Plan was submitted for Examination in April 2016 and has been subject to a series of information requests and public hearings held by an independent government Inspector. Following the hearings, in May 2018, the council received a post-hearings letter from the Inspector stating that the Local Plan was capable of being found sound subject to a series of main modifications to the plan. None of the proposed modifications related to the housing requirement of 31,140 new homes during the period 2013 – 2031. This equates to an annual housing requirement of 1,730 new homes.

4.3 Housing Completions

Table 9 shows net housing completions in the years since 2013, the beginning of the plan period.

TABLE 9: HOUSING COMPLETIONS SINCE 2013

Year	Net completions
2013/14	1,036
2014/15	666
2015/16	1,142
2016/17	983
2017/18	1,330

Table 10 shows the gross housing completions on previously developed land

TABLE 10: GROSS HOUSING COMPLETIONS ON PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND SINCE 2013

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Gross completions	1,144	731	1,204	1,049	1,399
Gross completions on previously developed land	806	456	835	626	891
% on previously developed land	70.45%	62.38%	69.33%	59.68%	63.69%

4.4 Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers

There were no additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches provided in Kirklees during the monitoring period from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2018.

4.5 Affordable Housing Completions

Affordable housing includes social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing which are available for eligible households whose needs are not met by the wider housing market. This could be because they cannot afford to buy or rent on the open market. This includes Starter Homes which is a concept introduced by the Government to help to meet the housing needs of first time buyers by offering properties to buy at a price below their open market value.

Table 11 shows the amount of affordable housing that has been provided since 2013, broken down by the type of provision.

TABLE 11: AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLETIONS SINCE 2013

Type	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Social homes with HCA/Homes England grant support	0	0	0	19	0
Social rented homes – S106	27	16	100	19	38
Social rented other	251	78	33	14	4
Intermediate homes including affordable rent	42	86	22	69	58
Total	320	180	155	121	100

4.6 Housing Density

The Local Plan assumes sites will be delivered at an average density of 35 dwellings per hectare. The percentage of completions above and below this density is shown in Table 12.

TABLE 12: DENSITY OF 2015-16 HOUSING COMPLETIONS

	2016-17 Completions	%	2017-18 Completions	%
New homes on sites with a density of at least 35 dwellings per hectare	627	59.77	795	56.83
New homes on sites with a density of less than 35 dwellings per hectare	422	40.23	604	43.17

4.7 Remaining Supply

Housing monitoring is undertaken on an annual basis. This annual monitoring process includes adding any new capacity from planning permission in the previous year and taking account of completions on existing sites with planning permission.

Table 13 shows the number of dwellings that had a current planning permission as at 31 March. These include outline permissions, reserved matters/full permissions, Permitted Development², or sites that are deemed commenced.

TABLE 13: REMAINING HOUSING SUPPLY BY YEAR SINCE 2013

Monitoring Year	Dwellings with planning permission but not yet built at the start of the monitoring year
2013/14	6,661
2014/15	6,350
2015/16	7,135
2016/17	8,450
2017/18	8,603

Paragraph 159 of National Planning Policy Framework requires local planning authorities to produce a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) to establish realistic assumptions about the availability, suitability and the likely economic viability of land to meet the identified need for housing over the plan period. The last full SHLAA was published in 2014 and provided an important starting point in the identification of potential housing site options and an initial assessment of whether they were deliverable or developable. Within the Local Plan process, the housing site options were subject to a more detailed and robust assessment in accordance with the Local Plan site allocations methodology. This detailed assessment determined which sites should be allocated for housing in the Local Plan. The Local Plan Methodology (Part 2) sets out the Site Allocation Methodology.

5 Employment, Retailing and Town Centres

5.1 Employment

To ensure adequate land is available for employment opportunities to be created, employment land take-up continues to be monitored by the council.

SAVED POLICY B1 OF THE UDP SEEKS TO MEET THE EMPLOYMENT NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT BY PROVIDING LAND TO ACCOMMODATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF EXISTING KIRKLEES BUSINESSES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BUSINESSES. UDP SAVED POLICY B2 ALLOCATED 278.9 HECTARES FOR B1, B2 AND B8 USES ON SITES OF 0.4 HECTARES AND ABOVE FOR THE PLAN PERIOD. TAKE UP IN RECENT YEARS IS SHOWN IN

Table 14.

² Class J of the 2013 Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development (Amendment) (England) Order 2013

TABLE 14: EMPLOYMENT LAND TAKE UP SINCE 2013

Year	Hectares
2013/14	8.06
2014/15	7.04
2015/16	8.52
2016/17	3.99
2017/18	10.82

Table 15 shows the amount of completed floorspace by use class constructed on employment sites.

The council prepares an annual Employment Land Supply Review (ELSR) with a base date of 1st April. The ELSR includes details of specific sites that are suitable for employment uses and their current planning status (UDP allocations without planning permission, sites with planning permission, expired permissions and other sites identified by the council). The current report can be viewed online along with previous reports at www.kirklees.gov.uk/localplan.

TABLE 15: GROSS ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT FLOORSPACE (SQ.M.) BY TYPE SINCE 2013

Use class	B1a	B1b	B1c	B2	B8	Total
2013/14	7,933	0	210	13,691	4,544	26,378
2014/15	1,787	570	1,065	8,679	9,064	21,165
2015/16	2,060	734	2,002	25,472	10,913	41,181
2016/17	2,998	0	12,047	14,945	7,783	37,773
2017/18	5,379	404	11,242	10,165	12,035	39,225

Table 16 examines the proportion of completed employment floorspace on previously developed land for the monitoring year 2016/17.

TABLE 16: TOTAL AMOUNT OF EMPLOYMENT FLOORSPACE (SQ.M.) ON PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND – BY TYPE (GROSS) 2016/17

Use class	B1a	B1b	B1c	B2	B8	Total
Gross additional floorspace	2,998	0	12,047	14,945	7,783	37,773
Previously developed	1,725	0	11,172	14,945	7,783	35,625
% on previously developed	57.54	-	92.74	100	100	94.31

TABLE 17: TOTAL AMOUNT OF EMPLOYMENT FLOORSPACE (SQ.M.) ON PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND – BY TYPE (GROSS) 2017/18:

Use class	B1a	B1b	B1c	B2	B8	Total
Gross additional floorspace	5,379	404	11,242	10,165	12,035	39,225
Previously developed	4,867	404	4,836	5,416	12,035	27,558
% on previously developed	90.48	100	43.02	53.28	100	70.26

Table 18 shows the amount of land remaining to be developed and available, including remaining UDP allocations and planning permissions. Potential sites for expansion which are landlocked or within existing employers' ownership and therefore would not be available for a new user, are excluded.

TABLE 18: AMOUNT OF POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT LAND AVAILABLE - BY TYPE (2017/18)

Use class	Hectares	
	Remaining UDP allocations (without planning permission)	Planning permissions (total only)
B1a	50.40	1.91
B1b		0.90
B1c		3.63
B2		7.63
B8		4.94
Total	50.40	19.01

5.2 Retailing and Town Centres

The Kirklees Town Centre Audit Programme monitors the health and vitality of town centres across the District. Occupancy surveys are undertaken to record and monitor the amount of floorspace, number and diversity of shop units for each centre within a defined study boundary.

In 2014, the Town Centre Audit Programme was revised and updated. All shop units surveyed and recorded were re-categorised to Experian GOAD sector and GOAD classifications. The shopping centre hierarchy was also reviewed and updated.

The classification of centres and the number of centres within each level is set out Table 19.

The diversity of uses and vacant outlets are shown in Table 19 to Table 24 for each level in the shopping centre hierarchy. All figures are for ground floor units only. The principal town centres are highlighted separately and change over time is demonstrated for the defined Town Centres in the Local Plan.

TABLE 19: SHOPPING CENTRE HIERARCHY

Level	Centres
Principal Town Centre	Huddersfield and Dewsbury (2)
Town Centre	Batley, Cleckheaton, Holmfirth and Heckmondwike (4)
District Centre	Almondbury, Birstall, Denby Dale, Honley, Kirkburton, Lindley, Marsden, Marsh, Meltham, Milnsbridge, Mirfield, Moldgreen, Ravensthorpe, Skelmanthorpe and Slaithwaite (15)
Local Centre	61

5.3 Principal Centres

TABLE 20: HUDDERSFIELD TOWN CENTRE

	Audit Programme Boundaries		Local Plan Boundaries						% Change 2017 - 2018	
	2016		2016		2017		2018			
	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units
Huddersfield										
Comparison	53,514 38.9%	210 31.3%	42,927 38.1%	198 30.9%	40,033 35.4%	190 29.5%	39,951 35.7%	189 29.3%	-0.20	-0.53
Convenience	28,282 20.6%	54 8.0%	15,459 13.7%	49 7.7%	15,743 13.9%	53 8.2%	15,690 14.0%	52 8.0%	-0.34	-1.89
Financial & Business	10,200 7.4%	68 10.1%	10,140 9.0%	66 10.3%	9,235 8.2%	59 9.1%	8,485 7.6%	54 8.4%	-8.12	-8.47
Leisure Services	24,387 17.7%	169 25.1%	23,823 21.1%	161 25.2%	22,888 20.2%	159 24.7%	23,464 21.0%	164 25.4%	2.52	3.14
Retail Service	6,838 5.0%	66 9.8%	6,766 6.0%	65 10.2%	7,646 6.8%	72 11.2%	7,550 6.7%	74 11.5%	-1.26	2.78
Vacant Outlets	14,230 10.4%	105 15.6%	13,631 12.1%	101 15.8%	17,584 15.5%	112 17.4%	16,725 15.0%	113 17.5%	-4.89	0.89
Total		672	112,746	640	113,129	645	111,865	646	-1.12	0.16

The latest annual survey of shop unit occupancy was undertaken in April 2018. This shows that within the Huddersfield Town Centre Boundary, there were 646 shop units trading in either comparison (35.7%), convenience (14.0%) goods or as a service (45.3%) with a vacant outlets rate of 17.5%, 113 shop units. There has been an increase in vacant outlets of 0.89% (1 unit) since 2017, however, vacant floorspace has seen a decrease of -4.89%. The financial and business service sector has seen the largest decrease in floorspace and shop units since 2017 of -8.12% and -8.47% respectively. The leisure services sector is the only sector that has recorded an increase in provision from 2017 to 2018 in both units and floorspace of 3.14% and 2.52% respectively.

TABLE 21: DEWSBURY TOWN CENTRE

	Audit Programme Boundaries		Local Plan Boundaries						% Change 2017 - 2018	
	2016		2016		2017		2018			
	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units
Dewsbury										
Comparison	37,281 43.8%	110 30.3%	12,691 32.1%	74 24.4%	13,780 34.7%	86 28.3%	12,478 31.6%	78 25.7%	-9.45	-9.30
Convenience	15,144 17.8%	28 7.7%	2,578 6.5%	22 7.3%	2,487 6.3%	20 6.6%	2,324 5.9%	21 6.9%	-6.55	5.00
Financial & Business	8,671 10.2%	38 10.5%	6,421 16.2%	35 11.6%	6,032 15.2%	32 10.5%	5,915 15.0%	30 9.9%	-1.94	-6.25
Leisure Services	11,914 14.0%	55 15.2%	6,436 16.3%	47 15.5%	6,175 15.5%	47 15.5%	6,683 16.9%	48 15.8%	8.23	2.13
Retail Service	3,511 4.1%	35 9.6%	2,902 7.3%	30 9.9%	2,533 6.4%	26 8.6%	2,986 7.6%	32 10.6%	17.88	23.08
Vacant Outlets	8,673 10.2%	97 26.7%	8,534 21.6%	95 31.4%	8,712 21.9%	93 30.6%	9,142 23.1%	94 31.0%	4.94	1.08
Total	85,194	363	39,562	303	39,719	304	39,528	303	-0.48	-0.33

The annual survey of shop unit occupancy was undertaken in October 2018. This shows that within Dewsbury Town Centre Boundary, there were 303 shop units trading in either comparison (25.7%), convenience (6.9%) goods or as a service (36.3%) with a vacant outlet rate of 31.0%, 94 shop units. There has been an increase in vacancy in both gross ground floor floorspace and shop units since 2017 of 4.94% and 1.08% respectively. The retail service sector has experienced the most change with an increase in both gross ground floor floorspace and shop units of 17.88% and 23.08% respectively.

5.4 Town, District and Local Centres

TABLE 22: TOWN CENTRES

	Audit Programme Boundaries		Local Plan Boundaries						% Change 2017 - 2018	
	2016		2016		2017		2018			
	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units
Town Centres (Batley, Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike and Holmfirth)										
Comparison	28,730 29.4%	210 31.6%	16,329 21.4%	165 29.8%	16,651 21.4%	174 31.1%	15,728 19.8%	171 30.3%	-5.54	-1.72
Convenience	27,827 28.5%	54 8.1%	27,738 36.3%	52 9.4%	28,163 36.3%	52 9.3%	28,280 35.6%	54 9.6%	0.42	3.85
Financial & Business	5,969 6.1%	62 9.3%	5,473 7.2%	58 10.5%	5,038 6.5%	57 10.2%	4,770 6.0%	54 9.6%	-5.32	-5.26
Leisure Services	17,513 17.9%	141 21.2%	12,729 16.7%	114 20.6%	13,062 16.8%	118 21.1%	15,701 19.8%	124 21.9%	20.20	5.08
Retail Service	8,511 8.7%	116 17.5%	6,970 9.1%	97 17.5%	7,393 9.5%	103 18.4%	7,324 9.2%	105 18.6%	-0.93	1.94
Vacant Outlets	9,152 9.4%	81 12.2%	7,158 9.4%	67 12.1%	7,344 9.5%	56 10.0%	7,530 9.5%	57 10.1%	2.53	1.79
Total	97,702	664	76,397	553	77,651	560	79,333	565	2.17	0.89

TABLE 23: DISTRICT CENTRES

	Audit Programme Boundaries		Local Plan Boundaries						% Change 2017 - 2018	
	2016		2016		2017		2018			
	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units
District Centres (15)										
Comparison	22,712 27.0%	223 26.7%	18,797 28.6%	189 27.9%	19,520 30.5%	190 27.9%	19,282 30.0%	191 27.6%	-1.22	0.53
Convenience	20,213 24.0%	109 13.0%	16,449 25.1%	95 14.0%	14,697 22.9%	90 13.2%	14,642 22.8%	84 12.2%	-0.37	-6.67
Financial & Business	4,084 4.9%	60 7.2%	3,461 5.3%	51 7.5%	3,399 5.3%	51 7.5%	3,471 5.4%	53 7.7%	2.12	3.92
Leisure Services	22,476 26.7%	227 27.2%	15,534 23.7%	176 26.0%	15,337 23.9%	176 25.8%	16,131 25.1%	183 26.5%	5.18	3.98
Retail Service	10,527 12.5%	171 20.5%	7,793 11.9%	130 19.2%	8,066 12.6%	133 19.5%	8,508 13.2%	146 21.1%	5.48	9.77
Vacant Outlets	4,102 4.9%	46 5.5%	3,580 5.5%	36 5.3%	3,085 4.8%	42 6.2%	2,266 3.5%	34 4.9%	-26.55	-19.05
Total	84,114	836	65,614	677	64,104	682	64,300	691	0.31	1.32

TABLE 24: LOCAL CENTRES*

	Audit Programme Boundaries		Local Plan Boundaries						% Change 2017 - 2018	
	2016		2016		2017		2018			
	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units	Floor Space Sq.m	Count Units
Local Centres (61)										
Comparison	26,522 26.4%	212 20.7%	25,397 25.6%	210 20.5%	No data	No data	24,236 24.7%	210 20.4%	-4.57	0.00
Convenience	23,317 23.2%	170 16.6%	23,317 23.5%	170 16.6%	No data	No data	22,565 23.0%	161 15.7%	-3.23	-5.29
Financial & Business	1,916 1.9%	34 3.3%	1,916 1.9%	34 3.3%	No data	No data	2,047 2.1%	32 3.1%	6.84	-5.88
Leisure Services	28,914 28.7%	300 29.3%	28,820 29.0%	299 29.3%	No data	No data	28,868 29.4%	301 29.3%	0.17	0.67
Retail Service	14,713 14.6%	238 23.2%	14,713 14.8%	238 23.3%	No data	No data	15,245 15.5%	248 24.1%	3.62	4.20
Vacant Outlets	5,201 5.2%	71 6.9%	5,201 5.2%	71 6.9%	No data	No data	5,332 5.4%	75 7.3%	2.52	5.63
Total	100,583	1,025	99,364	1,022	No data	No data	98,293	1,027	-1.08	0.49

* Local Centres are surveyed on a bi-annual basis.

6 Environmental Quality

6.1 Flooding

The latest Calder Valley Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) was published in 2016. This can be downloaded from www.kirklees.gov.uk/localplan. This document should be read in conjunction with national planning policies and the latest Environment Agency Flood Map.

During the 2016/17 and 2017/18 periods no planning permissions were granted contrary to the sustained objection of the Environment Agency on water quality or flood risk grounds.

6.2 Areas of Biodiversity Importance

During the monitoring year 2017/18 the total area of biodiversity importance in Kirklees is 6,506 hectares. This is the entire land area covered by one or more of the following environmental designations. It does not double count land with more than one designation, for example ancient woodland that is also a Local Wildlife Site:-

- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (includes the Special Protection Area and Special Conservation Area) total 4,845 hectares
- Local Wildlife Sites total 1,187 hectares
- Local Geological Sites total 83 hectares
- Ancient Woodland total 1,083 hectares
- Habitats of Principal Importance – information not available

6.3 Open Space

The Council's Open Space study was published in 2015 and revised in 2016. It is available on the Council's website at www.kirklees.gov.uk/localplan. The study provides an audit based analysis of the quantity, quality, value and accessibility of open spaces. The study also includes an assessment of existing and future needs for open space, sports and recreational facilities.

7 Waste

At 31st March 2018, within Kirklees there are a variety of waste management facilities including 3 municipal waste transfer stations, 5 landfill sites, 5 household waste recycling centres (with public access), approximately 50 scrap yards and approximately 20 private sector waste transfer stations.

The amount of waste collected dealt with by each management method is shown in Table 25.

TABLE 25: LOCAL AUTHORITY COLLECTED WASTE, BY MANAGEMENT TYPE

Waste Management Type	2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
	Waste (tonnes)	% of each type	Waste (tonnes)	% of each type	Waste (tonnes)	% of each type
Waste to Energy (Incineration)	120,415	57.1%	122,218.3	60%	131,278.0	70%
Landfill	23,536	11.2%	11,956.0	6%	5,393.6	3%
Recycled/Composted	65,107	30.9%	61,009.9	30%	46,511.0	25%
Other*	1,651	0.8%	7,767.5	4%	5,595.0	3%
Total	210,709	100%	202,952	100%	188778	100%

*includes waste that was not transferred to a final destination. Some of this was due to processing loss (including drainage/drying of street sweepings & green waste prior to transfer) and some due to collected waste not having yet been transferred to its final destination.