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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 Cooperate and show how the implementation of policies in the Local Plan is progressing¹.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/plan-making> (Paragraph 073)

2 Assessing progress against the Local Development Scheme

A revised Kirklees Local Plan Local Development Scheme was adopted by Cabinet on 3rd December 2019. The Local Development Scheme sets out a number of specific planning documents that are being prepared by the Council:

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Charging Schedule
- Revised Statement of Community Involvement
- Huddersfield Blueprint Supplementary Planning Document
- Huddersfield Area Action Plan
- Dewsbury Area Action Plan
- Highway Design Supplementary Planning Document
- Hot Food Take-away Supplementary Planning Document
- Open Space Supplementary Planning Document
- Residential Design Supplementary Planning Document
- Interim Affordable Housing Update
- Affordable Housing/Mix Supplementary Planning Document

The revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted by the Council on 3rd December 2019 and replaces the version adopted in 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

The Kirklees Local Plan² was adopted on 27th February 2019. It includes a Strategy and Policies document, an Allocations and Designations document and a Policies Map showing land allocations and designations. The Local Plan is now the statutory development plan for Kirklees and has superseded the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan. Appendix 2 of the Local Plan Strategy and Policies Document sets out the Monitoring Framework for the policies within the Local Plan.

2.2 Community Infrastructure Levy – Charging Schedule

TABLE 1: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY TIMETABLE AND MILESTONES

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Consultation	2015-2016
Submission to Secretary of State	April 2017
Statement of Modifications Consultation	May 2019
Examination	Summer 2019
Adoption	Anticipated 2020

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. Following submission, revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework, National Planning Practice Guidance and CIL Regulations were published. This has led the council to review the draft charging schedule and update the viability

² www.kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

evidence in line with the revised guidance. The revised evidence and modifications to the draft charging schedule were consulted on in May 2019 (Draft Charging Schedule Statement of Modifications). The examination is ongoing and an Examination in Public hearing session took place on 16th September 2019. Subject to any Independent Examiner’s recommendations the council anticipate adoption in 2020.

2.3 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

The Highway Design Supplementary Planning Document³ was adopted October 2019. There are currently five Supplementary Planning Documents being produced with the following anticipated timetables and milestones:

1. Huddersfield Blueprint Supplementary Planning Document
2. Hot Food Takeaway Supplementary Planning Document
3. Open Space Supplementary Planning Document
4. Residential Design Supplementary Planning Document
5. Affordable Housing/Mix Supplementary Planning Document

2.3.1 Huddersfield Blueprint SPD

TABLE 2 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – HUDDERSFIELD BLUEPRINT SPD

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Preparation	2018 – 2019
Anticipated consultation	January - February 2020
Anticipated adoption	February – March 2020

2.3.2 Hot Food Takeaway SPD

TABLE 3 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – HOT FOOD TAKEAWAY SPD

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Preparation	September 2019 – January 2020
Anticipated consultation	February – March 2020
Anticipated adoption	August 2020

2.3.3 Open Space SPD

TABLE 4 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – OPEN SPACE SPD

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Preparation	September 2019 – January 2020
Anticipated consultation	February – March 2020
Anticipated adoption	August 2020

³ www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/highway-design-guide-spd.aspx

2.3.4 Residential Design Guide SPD

TABLE 5 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – RESIDENTIAL DESIGN GUIDE SPD

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Preparation	September 2019 – May 2020
Anticipated consultation	June 2020 – July 2020
Anticipated adoption	December 2020

2.3.5 Affordable Housing/Mix SPD

TABLE 6 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPD

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Preparation	December 2019 – May 2020
Anticipated consultation	June – July 2020
Anticipated adoption	December 2020

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 with the following anticipated timetables and milestones:

TABLE 7: HUDDERSFIELD AREA ACTION PLAN

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Early Engagement	Early 2020
Consultation on Draft Area Action Plan	May 2020
Publication Consultation	August 2020 – September 2020
Submission to Secretary of State	May 2021
Examination	September 2021 – October 2021
Adoption	March 2022

There have been delays with the preparation of the Huddersfield Area Action Plan from the previous AMR. The main reason for this is that there has been a focus on the progressing the Huddersfield Blueprint SPD. Much of the early engagement and the evidence gathering on the Huddersfield Blueprint will be used to shape and inform the Area Action Plan.

This Area Action Plan will build on the outcomes of the Huddersfield Blueprint SPD and will cover a wide range of issues. It will set the framework for promoting regeneration, place shaping and managing development within and around the edge of Huddersfield to enable it to fulfil its role in providing shopping, leisure, cultural, residential and employment opportunities.

TABLE 8: DEWSBURY AREA ACTION PLAN

Timetable and Milestones	Dates
Early Engagement	Early 2020
Consultation on Draft Area Action Plan	May 2020
Publication Consultation	August 2020 – September 2020
Submission to Secretary of State	May 2021
Examination	September 2021 – October 2021
Adoption	March 2022

The production of the Dewsbury Area Action Plan has been re-aligned to run concurrently with the Huddersfield Area Action Plan and ensure alignment with other initiatives.

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 website⁴. 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 or wider dependant on the decision of the examiner on whether the plan should be made and become part of the statutory development plan. Progress on Neighbourhood Plans is set out below and further details can be found on the Neighbourhood group's website.

TABLE 9: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS

Area	Neighbourhood Group	Date Neighbourhood Area Approved	Progress
Newsome	Newsome Ward Community Forum	12 August 2014	The designation of Newsome Ward Community Forum for the purposes of preparing a neighbourhood plan expired on the 12 th August 2019. The group are considering re-designation as a qualifying body.

⁴ www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning.aspx

Area	Neighbourhood Group	Date Neighbourhood Area Approved	Progress
Holme Valley	Holme Valley Parish Council	27 January 2015 (Kirklees Council) 13 February 2015 (PDNPA)	Pre submission consultation on the draft Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan closed on 15 th September 2019. Representations are being considered.
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. Paragraph 24 of the NPPF states the *“local planning authorities...are under a duty to cooperate with each other, and with prescribed bodies, on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries”*. It further states at paragraph 27 *“in order to demonstrate effective and on-going joint working, strategic policy-making authorities should prepare and maintain one or more statements of common ground, documenting the cross-boundary matters being addressed and progress in cooperating to address these. These should be produced using the approach set out in national planning guidance, and be made publicly available throughout the plan-making process to provide transparency”*.

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).

A 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. The council continue to attend regular meetings with adjoining authorities and are committed to ongoing duty to cooperate discussions through the plan making process.

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 2018 – 31st March 2019). This section also sets out the remaining dwelling capacity on housing sites with planning permission.

4.2 Housing Requirement

The Kirklees Local Plan was adopted on 27th February 2019. The local plan sets a housing requirement of 31,140 new homes during the period 2013-2031, equating to an annual requirement of 1,730 new homes.

4.3 Housing Completions

Table 10 shows net housing completions in the years since 2013, the beginning of the plan period.

TABLE 10: 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
2018/19	1,550

Table 11 shows the gross housing completions on previously developed land

TABLE 11: Gross Housing Completions on Previously Developed Land since 2013

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Gross completions	1,144	731	1,204	1,049	1,399	1,643
Gross completions on previously developed land	806	456	835	626	891	966
% on previously developed land	70.45%	62.38%	69.33%	59.68%	63.69%	58.79%

4.4 Accommodation Travellers

There were no additional Traveller pitches provided in Kirklees during the monitoring period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

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

TABLE 12: AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLETIONS SINCE 2013

Type	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Affordable homes with HCA/Homes England grant support (Affordable Rented, Social Rented, or Shared Ownership through the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme)	0	0	0	19	0	43
Social rented homes – S106	27	16	100	19	38	12
Social rented other	251	78	33	14	4	39
Intermediate homes including affordable rent	42	86	22	69	58	24
Total	320	180	155	121	100	118

4.6 Housing Density

The Local Plan states that developments should achieve a net density of at least 35 dwellings per hectare unless site specific circumstances justify higher or lower densities. The percentage of completions on sites above and below 35 dwellings per hectare is shown in Table 13.

TABLE 13: DENSITY OF 2018-19 HOUSING COMPLETIONS

	2017-18 Completions	%	2018-19 Completions	%
New homes on sites with a density of at least 35 dwellings per hectare	795	56.83	839	51.07
New homes on sites with a density of less than 35 dwellings per hectare	604	43.17	804	48.93

4.7 Remaining Supply

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

Table 14 shows the number of dwellings that had a current planning permission as at 31 March 2019. These include outline permissions, reserved matters/full permissions, Permitted Development⁵ and sites that are deemed commenced.

TABLE 14: REMAINING HOUSING SUPPLY BY YEAR SINCE 2013

Monitoring Year	Remaining planning permission capacity at start of the monitoring year
2013/14	6,661
2014/15	6,350
2015/16	7,135
2016/17	8,450
2017/18	8,440
2018/19	8,603
2019/20	7,471

National planning policy requires local planning authorities to demonstrate five years supply of specific deliverable housing sites against their housing requirement. This includes consideration of sites with full planning permission as well as sites with outline permission or allocated in the Local Plan where there is clear evidence to justify their inclusion in the supply.

National policy also states that calculations must include a buffer of 5% to allow for choice and competition in the market for land or 20% where there is “significant under delivery of housing”. The Housing Delivery Test results (2018) published by the government determine that Kirklees is required to include a 20% buffer in the five year supply calculations.

The assessment of the required housing within the five year period (including taking account of under-delivery since the Local Plan base date and a 20% buffer) compared to the deliverable housing capacity, windfall allowance, lapse rate and demolitions allowance shows the current land supply position in Kirklees is 5.32 years supply.

⁵ Class J of the 2013 Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development (Amendment) (England) Order 2013

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 sought 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 previous plan period.

Going forward the Local Plan allocates 95 hectares of land for employment uses on sites of 0.4 hectares and above and 48 hectares of potential employment sites on vacant land within Priority Employment Areas (PEAs) for the plan period. Take up in recent years is shown in Table 15: Employment land take up since 2013.

TABLE 15: 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
2018/19	14.50

Table 16 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 16: 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
2018/19	4,567	1,820	7,452	18,575	10,863	43,277

Table 17 examines the proportion of completed employment floorspace on previously developed land.

TABLE 17: GROSS ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT FLOORSPACE (SQ.M.) ON PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND – BY TYPE 2018/19

Use class	B1a	B1b	B1c	B2	B8	Total
Gross additional floorspace	4,567	1,820	7,452	18,575	10,863	43,277
Previously developed	2,571	97	4,079	9,321	3,973	20,041
% on previously developed land	56.30	5.33	54.74	50.18	36.57	46.31

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. Following the adoption of the Local Plan in February 2019 the Local Plan Allocations will be monitored in future years.

TABLE 18: AMOUNT OF POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT LAND AVAILABLE - BY TYPE (2018/19)

Primary Use class	Remaining UDP allocations (without planning permission) (Hectares)	Planning permissions (Hectares)
B1a	32.17	4.23
B1b		0.32
B1c		6.95
B2		10.33
B8		9.85
Total	32.17	31.69

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 defined town centre boundaries in the Local Plan.

The shopping centre hierarchy which sets out the classification of centres and the number of centres within each level is set out in Table 19 and in Local Plan policy LP13 Town centre uses.

The diversity of uses and vacant outlets are shown in Table 20 to Table 28: Local Centres*Table 28: Local Centres* for each level in the shopping centre hierarchy. Figures are for ground floor units with the inclusion of upper floor units within shopping centres. The principal and town centres are displayed individually and change over time is demonstrated for the centres as defined in the Local Plan.

Any changes to the 2018 figures for Huddersfield Town Centre since the AMR was published in 2018 are as a result of data validation and the inclusion of upper floors in shopping centres (Kingsgate and Byram Arcade).

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

	2018		2019		% Change 2018 - 2019	
	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floor space (Sq.m)	Count of Units
Comparison	40,259 36.1%	201 30.7%	38,169 34.4%	198 30.3%	-5.2	-1.5
Convenience	15,704 14.1%	52 7.9%	15,770 14.2%	51 7.8%	0.4	-1.9
Financial & Business	8,304 7.4%	54 8.2%	8,527 7.7%	54 8.3%	2.7	0.0
Leisure Services	23,191 20.8%	160 24.4%	23,790 21.4%	163 24.9%	2.6	1.9
Retail Service	7,494 6.7%	77 11.8%	7,638 6.9%	77 11.8%	1.9	0.0
Vacant Outlets	16,723 15.0%	111 16.9%	17,080 15.4%	111 17.0%	2.1	0.0
Total	111,675	655	110,974	654	-0.6	-0.2

The latest annual survey of shop unit occupancy was undertaken in April 2019. This shows that within the Huddersfield Town Centre Boundary, there were 654 shop units trading in either comparison (30.3%), convenience (7.8%) goods or as a service (45.0%) with a vacant outlets rate of 17.0%, 111 shop units.

TABLE 21: DEWSBURY TOWN CENTRE

	2018		2019		% Change 2018 - 2019	
	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units
Comparison	12,478 31.7%	78 25.9%	12,105 31.5%	73 24.5%	-3.0	-6.4
Convenience	2,324 5.9%	21 7.0%	2,570 6.7%	23 7.7%	10.6	9.5
Financial & Business	5,973 15.2%	31 10.3%	5,466 14.2%	28 9.4%	-8.5	-9.7
Leisure Services	6,625 16.8%	47 15.6%	6,794 17.7%	49 16.4%	2.6	4.3
Retail Service	2,986 7.6%	32 10.6%	2,825 7.3%	35 11.7%	-5.4	9.4
Vacant Outlets	8,946 22.7%	92 30.6%	8,725 22.7%	90 30.2%	-2.5	-2.2
Total	39,332	301	38,485	298	-2.2	-1.0

The annual survey of shop unit occupancy was undertaken in October 2019. This shows that within Dewsbury Town Centre Boundary, there were 298 shop units trading in either comparison (24.5%), convenience (7.7%)

goods or as a service (37.5%) with a vacant outlet rate of 30.2%, 90 shop units. There has been a decrease in vacancy in both gross ground floor floorspace and shop units since 2018 of -2.5% and -2.2% respectively.

5.4 Town, District and Local Centres

TABLE 22: BATLEY

	2018		2019		% Change 2018 - 2019	
	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units
Comparison	3,684 13.8%	35 26.7%	2,757 10.3%	30 22.9%	-25.2	-14.3
Convenience	13,086 49.0%	16 12.2%	13,086 49.1%	16 12.2%	0.0	0.0
Financial & Business	900 3.4%	10 7.6%	825 3.1%	9 6.9%	-8.3	-10.0
Leisure Services	5,137 19.3%	26 19.8%	5,262 19.8%	26 19.8%	2.4	0.0
Retail Service	1,612 6.0%	24 18.3%	2,063 7.7%	29 22.1%	28.0	20.8
Vacant Outlets	2,260 8.5%	20 15.3%	2,648 9.9%	21 16.0%	17.2	5.0
Total	26,679	131	26,641	131	-0.1	0.0

TABLE 23: CLECKHEATON

	2018		2019		% Change 2018 - 2019	
	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units
Comparison	4,650 25.8%	50 31.4%	4,506 25.1%	48 30.4%	-3.1	-4.0
Convenience	3,995 22.2%	13 8.2%	4,150 23.1%	15 9.5%	3.9	15.4
Financial & Business	2,087 11.6%	21 13.2%	2,131 11.9%	22 13.9%	2.1	4.8
Leisure Services	3,225 17.9%	32 20.1%	3,751 20.9%	34 21.5%	16.3	6.3
Retail Service	2,370 13.2%	33 20.8%	2,198 12.2%	30 19.0%	-7.3	-9.1
Vacant Outlets	1,693 9.4%	10 6.3%	1,218 6.8%	9 5.7%	-28.1	-10.0
Total	18,020	159	17,954	158	-0.4	-0.6

TABLE 24: HECKMONDWIKE

	2018		2019		% Change 2018 - 2019	
	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units
Comparison	4,097 20.4%	32 26.0%	4,646 23.6%	36 29.8%	13.4	12.5
Convenience	7,999 39.7%	12 9.8%	7,966 40.4%	11 9.1%	-0.4	-8.3
Financial & Business	699 3.5%	8 6.5%	355 1.8%	5 4.1%	-49.2	-37.5
Leisure Services	3,160 15.7%	28 22.8%	3,217 16.3%	28 23.1%	1.8	0.0
Retail Service	1,788 8.9%	27 22.0%	1,961 9.9%	28 23.1%	9.7	3.7
Vacant Outlets	2,381 11.8%	16 13.0%	1,583 8.0%	13 10.7%	-33.5	-18.8
Total	20,124	123	19,728	121	-2.0	-1.6

TABLE 25: HOLMFIRTH

	2018		2019		% Change 2018 – 2019	
	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units
Comparison	3,297 22.8%	54 35.8%	3,287 22.3%	52 33.1%	-0.3	-3.7
Convenience	3,200 22.2%	13 8.6%	3,198 21.7%	13 8.3%	-0.1	0.0
Financial & Business	1,084 7.5%	15 9.9%	1,117 7.6%	16 10.2%	3.0	6.7
Leisure Services	4,179 28.9%	38 25.2%	4,111 27.9%	39 24.8%	-1.6	2.6
Retail Service	1,554 10.8%	21 13.9%	1,848 12.6%	26 16.6%	18.9	23.8
Vacant Outlets	1,123 7.8%	10 6.6%	1,164 7.9%	11 7.0%	3.7	10.0
Total	14,437	151	14,725	157	2.0	4.0

TABLE 26: TOWN CENTRES (BATLEY, CLECKHEATON, HECKMONDWIKE AND HOLMFIRTH)

	2018		2019		% Change 2018 - 2019	
	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units
Comparison	15,728 19.8%	171 30.3%	15,196 19.2%	166 29.3%	-3.4	-2.9
Convenience	28,280 35.7%	54 9.6%	28,400 35.9%	55 9.7%	0.4	1.9
Financial & Business	4,770 6.0%	54 9.6%	4,428 5.6%	52 9.2%	-7.2	-3.7
Leisure Services	15,701 19.8%	124 22.0%	16,341 20.7%	127 22.4%	4.1	2.4
Retail Service	7,324 9.2%	105 18.6%	8,070 10.2%	113 19.9%	10.2	7.6
Vacant Outlets	7,457 9.4%	56 9.9%	6,613 8.4%	54 9.5%	-11.3	-3.6
Total	79,260	564	79,048	567	-0.3	0.5

TABLE 27: DISTRICT CENTRES

	2018		2019		% Change 2018 - 2019	
	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units
Comparison	19,266 29.3%	190 27.7%	19,144 28.9%	190 27.5%	-0.6	0.0
Convenience	16,309 24.8%	86 12.5%	16,077 24.3%	83 12.0%	-1.4	-3.5
Financial & Business	3,471 5.3%	53 7.7%	3,197 4.8%	50 7.2%	-7.9	-5.7
Leisure Services	16,061 24.5%	182 26.5%	16,883 25.5%	188 27.2%	5.1	3.3
Retail Service	8,245 12.6%	141 20.5%	8,621 13.0%	149 21.6%	4.6	5.7
Vacant Outlets	2,298 3.5%	35 5.1%	2,239 3.4%	31 4.5%	-2.6	-11.4
Total	65,650	687	66,161	691	0.8	0.6

TABLE 28: LOCAL CENTRES*

	2018		2019		% Change 2018 - 2019	
	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units	Floorspace (Sq.m)	Count of Units
Comparison	24,100 24.6%	208 20.3%				
Convenience	22,565 23.0%	161 15.7%				
Financial & Business	2,047 2.1%	32 3.1%				
Leisure Services	28,991 29.6%	302 29.5%				
Retail Service	15,057 15.3%	246 24.0%				
Vacant Outlets	5,332 5.4%	75 7.3%				
Total	98,092	1,024				

* Local Centres are surveyed on a bi-annual basis so 2019 figures are not available.

6 Environmental Quality

6.1 Flooding

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

During the 2018/19 period no planning permissions were granted contrary to a sustained Environment Agency objection on water quality or flood risk grounds.

6.2 Areas of Biodiversity Importance

During the monitoring year 2018/19 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 2019, 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 29.

TABLE 29: LOCAL AUTHORITY COLLECTED WASTE, BY MANAGEMENT TYPE

Waste Management Type	2016/17		2017/18		2018/19	
	Waste (tonnes)	% of each type	Waste (tonnes)	% of each type	Waste (tonnes)	% of each type
Waste to Energy (Incineration)	122,218.3	60%	131,278.0	70%	129,099.3	69%
Landfill	11,956.0	6%	5,393.6	3%	15,708.3	8%
Recycled/Composted	61,009.9	30%	46,511.0	25%	41,290.0	22%
Other*	7,767.5	4%	5,595.0	3%	1279.9	0.7%
Total	202,952	100%	188,778	100%	187,377	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.

High levels of contamination in the green bin material in 2018/19 has caused the recycling rate to decrease. At a certain level of contamination, this material is classified and treated as general (non-recyclable) waste. When this excess general waste exceeds our capacity for incineration it is sent to landfill. Low levels of garden waste due to dry weather also caused a drop in recycling.