

Kirklees Local Plan Examination

Stage 4

Matter 38 Batley and Spenningsdale Employment, Housing and Mixed-Use Allocations: Urban Sites (Non-Green Belt)

Action 186: H783 Dale Lane, Heckmondwike Open Space Assessment

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Matter 38 (Action 186): H783 Dale Lane, Heckmondwike

Inspector's request for:

- Council to provide an open space assessment for this site

Council note on open space assessment:

At the request of the Inspector the council has now undertaken an open space assessment for proposed housing site H783 (as shown below).

The open space assessment identifies the site as having high value as an amenity greenspace in terms of its qualitative nature. The existing mature trees along the road frontage and stone boundary walls give the site an attractive high quality appearance which enhances the street scene. On this basis of this new evidence relating to the site's open space qualities, the council considers there is sufficient justification for the designation of this site as urban green space.

Subject to the Inspector's consideration of the council's open space assessment, the council propose a modification to delete proposed housing allocation H783 and designate the site as urban green space by extending UGS1056.

It should be noted that if the site is retained for housing, there remains an unresolved issue between Historic England and the council with regard to the location of open space as a mitigation measure to protect views.

Proposed Modification:

Amend SD2 Kirklees Publication Draft Local Plan – Allocations and Designations

Site	Para/Table/Box	Tracked change	Reason for change
H783	Site allocation text box	Delete housing allocation H783 and designate as urban greenspace by extending UGS1056.	New evidence

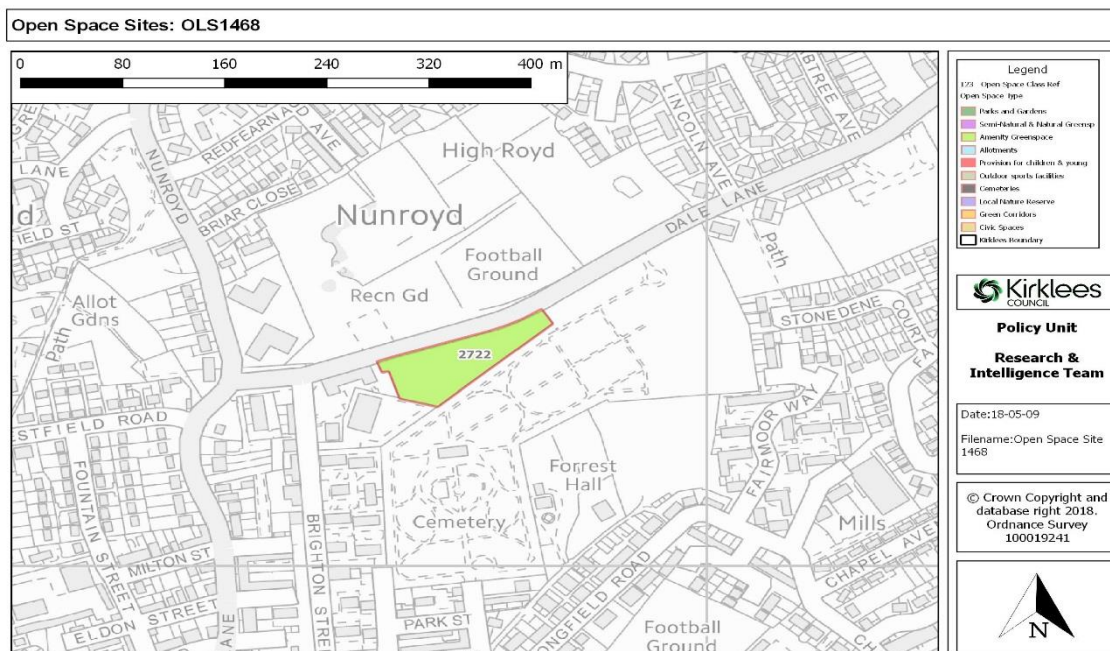
Amend SD3 Kirklees Publication Draft Local Plan – Policies Map

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H783	Policies Map	Delete housing allocation H783 and designate as urban greenspace by extending UGS1056.	New evidence

OLS 1468 - Land adjacent, Dale Lane, Heckmondwike

Gross site area (ha): 0.5

Classes: Amenity greenspace (2722)



Open Space Reference	1468	Amenity greenspace
Class Reference	2722	Class Area (Ha): 0.5
Built facility strategy:	No	Playing pitch strategy: No
Open Space Site Assessment		
Level of use	1	Scarcity Value : 0
IMD Rank	5	
Space meets needs of:	Score	Comment
Elderly	0	
Juniors	0	
Teenagers	0	
Disabled	0	
Family	0	
Others	0	
High Benefits		
Structural and landscaping	0	
Ecological	0	
Educational	0	
Social and Health	0	
Cultural and heritage	0	
Amenity and a sense of place	10	Mature trees along road frontage and stone boundary walls give the site an attractive high quality appearance which enhances the street scene.
Economic	0	
Designated Nature Site	0	
Friends of group to the site	0	
Total score	16	
Percentage	17	
Value rating	HIGH	