

Draft Local Plan : Strategy and Policies

Comments by Holmfirth Conservation Group (HCG)

Matter 15 – Infrastructure delivery (Policies PLP4 & 19)

1. The Draft Local Plan (DLP) would appear to concentrate, from our point of view, on the needs and requirements of links to Huddersfield.
2. There is little, or no, appreciation of the physical constraints that the steep narrow valleys place on traffic movements in and through the settlements of the Holme Valley.
3. There is also the failure to identify the A616 & B6104 as major access routes to, and from, the M1 (junctions 35A & 36) and the A628 (Woodhead Pass). The development of a significant generator of heavy commercial traffic situated over the border in South Yorkshire is also ignored.
4. The long-standing problems of traffic congestion in Holmfirth and New Mill centres are not addressed at any point in the DLP.
5. The Holmfirth Conservation Group (HCG) is of the opinion that failure to address these major, existing, problems will only be exacerbated by the construction of further developments.
6. The Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) does not appear to address the need for new infrastructure to alleviate our current transportation problems.
7. The lack of the fact that Holmfirth is a growing visitor generator is ignored, and the pressure that brings, and will bring in the future is totally overlooked.
8. The work being undertaken by other voluntary bodies (HoTT, River Holme Connections and Holmepride) to improve

footpath and cycling linkages in the Holme Valley has been overlooked and the needs they have identified have not been addressed.

9. How will the fact that the centre of Holmfirth would appear to be seen as no more than a traffic junction for traffic flowing through the south-west corner of Kirklees? The residents of the Holme Valley are not prepared to see it being downgraded purely to cater for extraneous traffic flows.

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