

## **Matter 17 – Economy policies (Policies PLP9 & 10)**

### ***Comment by Holmfirth Conservation Group (HCG)***

1. HCG is of the opinion that Holmfirth as a centre for tourism is overlooked. The town already hosts a number of festivals (Folk Music, Film, Arts, Food & Drink and a renowned Art Exhibition) that draw audiences from areas distant from the valley. In addition an increasing number of cycling clubs are visiting the valley to face the challenge posed by roads over the Pennines.
2. Holmfirth's growth as a tourist attraction began with the BBC's television drama "The Last of the Summer Wine", which draws tourists from all over the world. Even though the series has ceased production there is still a very buoyant fan-base. Tourism development has not stood still though, local businesses and residents have built on this foundation, which was bound not to last.
3. There are however elements which the local businesses cannot provide and will need Local and Central Government to provide the answers and these all resolve around the up-grading of infrastructure, both within and outside the Holme Valley

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