

Matter 19 – Transport policies (Policies PLP20, 21, 22 & 23)

Comments by Holmfirth Conservation Group (HCG)

1. Holmfirth centre starts with the problem that it is overburdened with an excess of extraneous traffic that has no need to be accessing our highway networks.
2. The policies outlined in the DLP do not address this basic concern. In fact the opposite – all proposals will only add to the problem.
3. The highway network is reliant on one suitable river crossing and it is not designed to cater for the current levels of traffic. Unless measures are taken to remove a major element of that traffic, there are only two scenarios:
 - 1 Holmfirth grinds to a halt, which it presently does on occasion, or
 - 2 Substantial demolitions take place to roads to accommodate the traffic, which will in effect destroy the town centre and any pretence at sustainable travel, and living, is thrown out the window.
4. Either solution will be to the detriment of the residents of the Holme Valley and kill what makes the valley special to the residents.
5. There is nothing in these four policies that leads one with any hope that Holmfirth will be anything other than a traffic junction which brings nothing but pollution to the valley.

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