

Matter 20 – Design and climate change policies (Policies PLP 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29)

Comments by Holmfirth Conservation Group (HCG)

1. PLP 24 is admirable in its sentiment. Its success will be judged on its implementation. However the use of the word “should” 4 times in the first 6 lines leads one to doubt Kirklees has the wish to pursue the aims of the policy to ensure an adequate degree of compliance.
2. PLP 25 the proliferation of inappropriate shop signage, would seem that Kirklees will have a mountain to climb. Though HCG strenuously agree with the sentiments of the policy and will pressure the Authority to ensure the implementation of the policy.
3. PLP 26 again the sentiments we wholeheartedly endorse. Although how the Authority will apply part (d) of the policy due to the current levels of pollution, noise and odour caused by traffic in the centre of Holmfirth We will watch with interest.
4. PLP 27 the Holme Valley is characterised by steep sided valleys, and the impact on river levels after heavy rainfall is very apparent and we would advocate a policy of tree planting in water catchment areas and the avoidance of building in areas prone to flooding.

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