

Matter 22 – Health and supporting communities policies

Issue -Does the Plan set out positively prepared policies for promoting health and supporting communities, which are justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

a) – b) HVV Response

We believe the stunning countryside of the Holme Valley could play a far bigger part in promoting healthy life styles and improving wellbeing than that suggested by the Local Plan.

The housing allocation, in our view, does not meet the needs of the increasingly older population in the Valley as it does not strive to encourage the building of smaller properties that would facilitate downsizing. The building of new small estates scattered around the Valley will lead to population growth but in a way that will not lead to the commensurate increase in community facilities. Indeed, these are at serious risk as Kirklees is obliged to dispose of community assets.

Our concerns about school places and other facilities are noted elsewhere.