



Commenting on the
publication draft of the
Kirklees Local Plan

Your views are important

From 7 November to 19 December 2016 we are consulting on the publication draft of the Kirklees Local Plan before it is submitted to the government's Planning Inspectorate to be examined.

You can view a copy of the revised draft Local Plan at:

- Civic Centre 3, Huddersfield
- Dewsbury Service Centre, The Walsh Building, Dewsbury
- online, at kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

You can also visit a Local Plan Drop-In Session, where we can help you to register your views:

- **12pm to 8pm, Tuesday 22 November**
Dewsbury Town Hall Reception Room
- **12pm to 8pm, Tuesday 29 November**
Huddersfield Town Hall Reception Room

Making comments

To help you present your comments in the best way for the Planning Inspector to consider them, they have issued a standard form which is available to complete on-line, or to download and return to us at:

kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

Send completed comment forms to us at:

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PO Box B93
Civic Centre 3
Huddersfield
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Email: local.development@kirklees.gov.uk

If you would like this information in a different format, please contact:

Kirklees Direct
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The Kirklees Local Plan

Our Local Plan sets out how we will manage development across Kirklees.

We want business to thrive, and create the jobs which will boost our economy, so that our residents have the best opportunity to lead prosperous and healthy lives.

At the same time, we want to make sure that we have enough homes in the district so that people can choose where they want to live, and have a home which suits their lifestyle.



**To achieve this,
we need to make
land available
across the district
– for businesses,
and for homes.**

How you've helped us shape our Local Plan

In November 2015, we asked you to tell us what you thought about the draft Local Plan, and the sites proposed for development, which we've either accepted or rejected.

We received approximately 17,000 comments, and considered these to identify if we should make changes to the Plan.

Sites in the following areas generated the most interest:

- Bradley Road
- Scholes
- Farnley Country Park
- Ferrand Lane, Gomersal
- Lepton
- Netherton
- Storthes Hall
- Honley (minerals)
- Dewsbury Riverside
- Chidswell
- Merchant Fields, Cleckheaton
- Little Wood, Batley
- Raikes Lane, Birstall
- Hightown
- Cooper Bridge

Since 2012, we've been asking you to tell us your views on our ideas about why, where and how much land we allocate for development.





What you told us and what we've done

5860

individuals and organisations took part in the consultation

over
17,000
comments were made

you suggested
58
new sites which we agree should be included in the new draft of the plan

overall,
you agreed that we should concentrate homes in areas where we can improve infrastructure and services, near to land we're making available for jobs

Sites we have taken out, and new sites you suggested

Over the following pages, we've described some of the main changes we have made to the Local Plan as a result of your comments and new suggestions.

In some instances

- we've accepted some previously rejected sites;
- we've taken sites out of the Plan;
- we've made changes to the size and/or the boundaries of sites, but these are still in the Plan;
- we've added some completely new sites you've suggested, which weren't in the last Plan.

If you want to read about ALL the changes we've made to sites in the Plan, you can find a comprehensive list at:

kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

and a printed copy will be available to read during the consultation period at:

- Civic Centre 3, Huddersfield
- Dewsbury Service Centre





New sites

We've listed all the new sites you suggested for homes and for business during the last consultation which have been accepted, on the following pages:

- Huddersfield 6 new sites
- Dewsbury & Mirfield 4 new sites
- Batley & Spen 7 new sites
- Kirklees Rural 15 new sites

How your comments influenced plans for Huddersfield

We received most comments about the Bradley Park urban extension, and proposed housing options in the Netherton and Lepton areas.

At Bradley, we've now developed a new masterplan which shows how much of the site can be retained as green open space for outdoor leisure use, protecting its open and natural aspect. To do this, we've reduced the number of homes, and the site will still benefit from new community facilities and upgraded roads to connect people to jobs nearby.

Housing proposals for the Lepton area remain, but there is now more information on how this land can be developed, and we've continued to reject proposals for significant numbers of homes on the western side of Penistone Road.

In Netherton, the housing proposals remain unchanged, but again, we've continued to reject proposals for even further development.

We have also considered a significant number of new site options and included more urban green spaces than were shown in the previous draft Plan.



New sites accepted for homes and business use in Huddersfield

For business:

- Park Valley Mills, Lockwood SITE REF HUD28

For homes:

- Knowle Road, Kirkheaton SITE REF H3350
- Plane Street, Newsome SITE REF H2685
- Ruth Street, Newsome SITE REF H3405
- Minerva Works, Kirkheaton SITE REF H2594a
- **Cherry Nook Road, Deighton** **SITE REF SL3363**

* **this site should only be used once other housing land has been used first**

For a full list of
ALL changes affecting
sites, please see
kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

How your comments influenced plans for Dewsbury and Mirfield

We received most comments about the urban extension proposals at Dewsbury Riverside (south of Ravensthorpe) and at Chidswell. We have also considered many new site options you suggested for this area.

At Dewsbury Riverside, the site promoters have been working on masterplans for the future of the site which give much more information, and at the same time, the council has been working on proposed infrastructure improvements, concentrating on transport and education, to ensure that growth in this area is deliverable.

At Chidswell, the site promoters have produced a revised masterplan setting out how housing and employment can be provided on the site, together with more details about how it's accessed, its green infrastructure, and a brand new school.

A previously rejected housing site on land to the east of Leeds Road is now accepted for housing.

New sites accepted for homes and business use in Dewsbury & Mirfield

For homes:

- Red Deer Park Lane, Brierfield SITE REF H2576
- Lock Street, Thornhill SITE REF H2646
- Hall Lane, Thornhill SITE REF H3379

Mixed use for homes and business:

- Lees House Farm, Leeds Road, Dewsbury SITE REF MX3394

For a full list of ALL changes affecting sites, please see kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

How your comments influenced plans for Batley and Spen

We received most comments about the housing proposals at Ferrand Lane (Gomersal); Merchant Fields (Cleckheaton); land at Little Wood (Batley); Raikes Lane (Birstall); and land off Hightown Road (Hightown). At the same time, you also supported our rejection of a housing proposal at Roberttown. We also received a significant number of comments about proposals for Cooper Bridge.

The housing proposals at Little Wood (Batley) and Hightown Road (Hightown) have both been removed from the plan. The other housing site options remain, and the land at Roberttown is now also included. At Merchant Fields, the employment/commercial development has now been removed, and a housing proposal on the same site has been accepted. We have also considered a significant number of new site options and included more urban green spaces than were shown in the previous draft Plan.

At Cooper Bridge, the site promoter is working on a new masterplan which shows how the site can be developed in a way which is sympathetic to the landscape and protects heritage assets in the area as far as possible.

At the same time, the council has been working the design of improvements to transport infrastructure, to ensure this development is deliverable.

New sites accepted for homes and business use in Batley & Spen

For homes:

- Halifax Road, Hightown SITE REF H2584
- Halifax Road, Hightown SITE REF H2537
- Highgrove Beds, Spen Lane, Gomersal SITE REF H2627
- Oxford Road, Gomersal SITE REF H2667
- Hightown Road, Cleckheaton SITE REF H2645
- Spafield Mill, Upper Road, Batley SITE REF H2647

Mixed use for homes and business:

- Westgate, Cleckheaton SITE REF MX3349

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How your comments influenced plans for Kirklees Rural

We received most comments about housing proposals in Scholes and Cinderhills (Holmfirth); Grange Moor; and land at Storthes Hall. We received many comments about mineral extraction proposals at Honley, and also about proposals for Farnley Country Park.

The proposed housing sites in Grange Moor have generally been removed from the plan and replaced by alternative sites in the village. We've also made some changes to the housing proposals at Scholes and Cinderhills, removing green belt housing options where it's been possible. The housing proposal for Hade Edge is now included in the Plan.

Housing numbers have been reduced on the land at Storthes Hall.

The mineral extraction proposals at Honley, and the Farnley Country Park proposal are no longer included in the Plan.

We have also considered a significant number of new site options and included more urban green spaces than were shown in the previous draft Plan.

New sites accepted in Kirklees Rural

For business:

- Albion Mills, Miry Lane, Thongsbridge SITE REF KR30
- Ribbledon Dye Works, Dunford Road, Holmfirth SITE REF KR31

For homes:

- Thirstin Mills, Honley SITE REF H2586
- Water Street, Holmbridge SITE REF H2585
- Midlothian Garage, New Mill SITE REF H2587
- Carr Top Lane/Brook Lane, Golcar SITE REF H3395
- Victoria Terrace, Marsden SITE REF H2649
- former Gees Garage, Outlane SITE REF H2652
- Park Mill, Clayton West SITE REF H3325a
- **Far Bank, Shelley** **SITE REF SL3356**
- **Fulstone Road, Stocks Moor** **SITE REF SL3357**
- **Shepley Road, Stocks Moor** **SITE REF SL3358**
- **Ryecroft Lane, Scholes** **SITE REF SL3359**
- **Hebble Mount, Meltham** **SITE REF SL3365**
- **Clay Well, Golcar** **SITE REF SL3396**

* these sites should only be used once other housing land has been used first

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Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Community Infrastructure Levy is a tax the council can charge developers whenever they build new homes.

It's a contribution towards the cost of new infrastructure we need, as a result of new homes and developments being built - this could include new schools, roads, or transport services, and sports facilities, playgrounds and green spaces.

It is up to the council to set the amount of CIL it charges per square metre of development, but the government says the charge can't be so high that it prevents developers from building at all.

We published our draft schedule of charges in November 2015 and asked you to comment. We received 82 comments during the last round of consultation, with the majority of these coming from property developers and infrastructure providers.

You can see the revised schedule of charges we are proposing and give us your views at kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

How to comment

During previous consultations, we've asked for your views on our draft strategies and policies, and the allocation and/or rejection of specific sites for development.

This purpose of this consultation is for you to tell us whether you think the plan is legally compliant and 'sound' - key things the Planning Inspector will have to consider at the Public Examination.

What makes a Plan sound?

- it should be positively prepared in a way which meets the need for housing and other development (including business development)
- it should be based on evidence, and be the most appropriate strategy for the district when considered against other reasonable alternatives
- it should be capable of being implemented and the housing and other development be carried out
 - it should support sustainable development and be consistent with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Using the form to comment

Because you need to comment on the soundness of the plan at this stage, to make it simpler, we ask you to make your comments using the Comment Form issued by the Planning Inspectorate.

This form leads you to comment and answer in the way which the Planning Inspector will consider at the Public Examination.

Using the form to submit your comments also means that you can register your interest in speaking at the Public Examination if you wish.

The Inspector will only invite people who have submitted a representation at this stage to speak at the Public Examination.

Find out more

Read the full document and look in detail at the sites which have been proposed for development at kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

A printed version of the Local Plan is available to read at:

- Civic Centre 3 Huddersfield
- Dewsbury Service Centre

This consultation closes on 19 December 2016.



Next Steps

We will pass all the comments we receive, together with the the Local Plan to the government's Planning Inspector in Spring 2017.

The Planning Inspector will then set a date for the Public Examination of the Plan, which we expect will be later in 2017.

