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# 1. Introduction

## Background and objectives

- 1.1 A Student Housing Survey has been commissioned by Kirklees Council (“the Council”) to supplement the findings of the recent Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) for the district.
- 1.2 The Student Housing Survey provides additional and more detailed information on the student housing market in Kirklees, supplementing the Council’s evidence base to inform the development of the Council’s Local Plan and other strategies.

## Context

- 1.3 The Student Housing Survey supports the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, March 2012) and Planning Practice Guidance, *Housing and economic development needs assessments* (last updated February 2016).
- 1.4 Paragraph 159 of the NPPF states that Local Planning Authorities should have a clear understanding of housing needs in their area and they should prepare a Strategic Housing Market Assessment to assess their full housing needs, working with neighbouring authorities where Housing Market Areas cross administrative boundaries. The SHMA should identify the scale and mix of housing and the range of tenures that the local population is likely to need over the plan period that:
  - Meets household and population projections, taking account of migration and demographic change;
  - Addresses the need for all types of housing, including affordable housing and the needs of different groups in the community (such as, but not limited to families with children, older people, people with disabilities, service families and people wishing to build their own homes); and
  - Caters for housing demand and the scale of housing supply necessary to meet this demand.
- 1.5 Planning Practice Guidance, *Housing and economic development needs assessments*, states that housing needs should be assessed in relation to the relevant functional area i.e. Housing Market Area and this may identify smaller sub-markets with specific features and it may be appropriate to investigate these specifically in order to create a detailed picture of local need. It is also important to recognise that there are 'market segments' i.e. not all housing types have the same appeal to different occupants<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.6 Paragraph 50 of the NPPF sets out that the SHMA will provide robust evidence to help the Council “*plan for a mix of housing based on current and future*

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<sup>1</sup> Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 2a-008-20140306

*demographic trends, market trends and the needs of different groups in the community" and should "identify the size, type tenure and range of housing that is required in particular locations, reflecting local demand" (NPPF para 50).*

## Research methodology

- 1.7 To deliver the Student Housing Survey 2016, a sample survey of student households across the Kirklees Council area was undertaken. Due to data protection e-mails were sent out to students by the University of Huddersfield, inviting them to partake in an online questionnaire (Appendix A). 15,000 students logged into the system during the period that the survey was live (21<sup>st</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016). However, the number of students who then went onto read through the full survey till the end was 200.
- 1.8 A reminder e-mail was also sent out during this time. At the end of the survey period, a total of 50 questionnaires were completed by students and used in data analysis.
- 1.9 In addition to the student household survey, a desktop review of relevant secondary data was undertaken. This included a review of statistics and strategy documents available from the University of Huddersfield. An interview with a University representative associated with student housing issues was also conducted.

## Presentation of data

- 1.10 Data presented in this report is based on the Student Household Survey 2016 carried out exclusively for this project.
- 1.11 The Kirklees Student Housing Survey 2016 report is structured as follows:
  - **Chapter 2:** Population characteristics,
  - **Chapter 3:** Current housing arrangements;
  - **Chapter 4:** Making housing choices;
  - **Chapter 5:** Housing plans for the future; and
  - **Chapter 6:** concludes the report with a summary of findings and a consideration of strategic issues.
- 1.12 The report includes the following technical appendix material:
  - Online student household questionnaire (Appendix A).

## 2. Population characteristics

- 2.1 This chapter presents an analysis of the characteristics of the student population in Kirklees, as identified by the household survey and secondary information.
- 2.2 Data from the University of Huddersfield recorded the number of students as 21,058 during the academic year 2014/15.
- 2.3 The student household survey (Table 2.1) found that around 76.0% of students are of undergraduate age, in their first, second or third years at university. 18.0% of respondents identified as being in their fourth year, and 6.0% in their fifth year or above. University statistics reveal that 77% of qualifications awarded in 2014/15 were first degrees, foundation degrees, HND/DipHE or other undergraduate qualifications. 23% were higher degrees or postgraduate level, including postgraduate degrees in education and doctorate studies.

| <b>Q1b Which university year are you in?</b> | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|
| First year                                   | 14           | 28.0              |
| Second year                                  | 15           | 30.0              |
| Third year                                   | 9            | 18.0              |
| Fourth year                                  | 9            | 18.0              |
| Fifth year or later                          | 3            | 6.0               |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>50</b>    | <b>100.0</b>      |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

- 2.4 Only 16.0% of students responding to the survey stated that they live at home during term time, while 84.0% of respondents said that they do not live at home during university term (Table 2.2). The survey asked students for the reason why they live at home during term time. The findings are presented in Table 2.3. This shows that 6.0% of respondents stated that they already live locally or in Huddersfield; 6.0% stated that it is easier and 8.0% said that it was for financial reasons. Of the 2 respondents (4.0%) who stated 'other' reasons, one mentioned that they live very close to campus, about a 2 minute walk and the other said they had moved out of their family home to live in their own home in Huddersfield permanently.

| <b>Table 2.2 Home-based students</b>                              |              |                   |
|---|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Q1c Are you at student who lives at home during term time?</b> | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
| Yes   | 8            | 16.0              |
| No  | 42           | 84.0              |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>50</b>    | <b>100.0</b>      |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

| <b>Table 2.3 Reasons for living at home</b>          |              |                   |
|--|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Q1d Why do you live at home during term time?</b> | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
| Financial reasons                                    | 4            | 8.0               |
| It is easier for me                                  | 3            | 6.0               |
| Already live locally/in Huddersfield                 | 3            | 6.0               |
| Lack of suitable purpose-built student accommodation | 1            | 2.0               |
| Lack of general student housing                      | 0            | 0.0               |
| Other  | 2            | 4.0               |
| <b>Base</b>  | <b>50</b>    | <b>-</b>          |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

Note: Respondents could mention any number of responses, so percentages do not total 100%.

2.5 In terms of the household composition, students were asked to describe their household arrangements (Table 2.4). Around 82.0% identified themselves as a 'Student Household', of whom the majority (68.0%) said that all adults are students. 4.0% of respondents identified their household as either a couple or lone parent with dependent children under 18 years. A further 12.0% of respondents identified their household as a couple only (both under 65).

| <b>Table 2.4 Household type</b>   |              |                   |
|---|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Q8 How would you describe your household?</b>                                    | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
| Student Household - all adults are students   | 34           | 68.0              |
| Student Household - mix of students and other households (e.g. employed/unemployed) | 7            | 14.0              |
| Couple only (both under 65)   | 6            | 12.0              |
| Couple with 1 or 2 child(ren) under 18  | 1            | 2.0               |
| Lone parent with 1 or 2 child(ren) under 18   | 1            | 2.0               |
| Other type of household   | 1            | 2.0               |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>50</b>    | <b>100.0</b>      |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016



- 2.6 The household survey found that under over two-thirds (68.0%) of respondents identified as White (British, English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish). 16.0% identified as Asian or Asian British and 6.0% as Black/African/Caribbean/Black British. Detailed breakdown by ethnic origin is set out in Table 2.5. University statistics show that this is a representative demographic of the student population, as 2014/15 data states: 66.8% White, 13.2% Asian/Asian British, 5.6% Black/Black British, 5.6% Chinese and 8.9% other (including mixed)<sup>2</sup>

| Table 2.5 Ethnicity                                       |           |              |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Q9 What is your ethnic origin?                            | Count     | Percentage   |
| White (British, English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish) | 34        | 68.0         |
| White - Central and Eastern European                      | 1         | 2.0          |
| White – other   | 3         | 6.0          |
| Asian or Asian British                                    | 8         | 16.0         |
| Black / African / Caribbean / Black British               | 3         | 6.0          |
| Other ethnic group e.g. Middle East, North African, Arab  | 1         | 2.0          |
| Total   | 50        | 100          |
| Missing   | 0         |              |
| <b>Base</b>   | <b>50</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

- 2.7 The household survey asked students to describe their main employment status. The findings are set out in Table 2.6. This reveals that the majority of respondents (92.0%) describe themselves as full-time students (78.0% undergraduate and 14.0% postgraduate). A further 2.0% describe themselves as part-time students.

| Table 2.6 Main employment status                                  |           |              |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Q10 Please tick which best describes your main employment status. | Count     | Percentage   |
| Full-time undergraduate student                                   | 39        | 78.0         |
| Full-time postgraduate student                                    | 7         | 14.0         |
| Part-time undergraduate student                                   | 1         | 2.0          |
| Working part-time (between 16 and up to 30 hrs each week)         | 2         | 4.0          |
| Unemployed and available for work                                 | 1         | 2.0          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>50</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

<sup>2</sup> University of Huddersfield student numbers 2014/2015

## 3. Current housing arrangements

- 3.1 This chapter explores the current housing arrangements of students in Kirklees, as identified through the household survey. It also provides information on current student accommodation provision in Kirklees, as derived from secondary sources and interviews.

### Student accommodation provision

- 3.2 The University of Huddersfield approve two halls of residence sites within the town and they are managed by DIGS :
- Storthes Hall Park Student Village: this includes 1,300 self-catering rooms with ensuite facilities and is located around 4.8 miles from the main campus. There is a dedicated shuttle bus between this facility and the University which takes around 15 minutes;
  - Ashenhurst Houses: this provides around 280 rooms with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities and is located around 20 minutes' walk from the main campus.
- 3.3 In addition to university-owned accommodation, there are a number of purpose built student accommodation available for students. These are predominantly modern, providing en-suite facilities and catering to a range of budgets. They are focused around the university campus area of the town, so close to the nightlife and wider facilities.
- 3.4 As well as designated student halls of residence, private lettings for student accommodation are widely available through local agents and online services such as 'HudLets'.

### Household survey findings

- 3.5 The student household survey asked respondents what type of property they live in (Table 3.1). Just over a third of respondents (32.0%) said that they live in designated student accommodation, either in halls of residence (14.0%) or private purpose-built student accommodation (18.0%). Almost half of student respondents stated that they live in either a terraced house/town house (28.0%) or a semi-detached house (16.0%). A further 16.0% said that they live in a flat/apartment/maisonette, which is lower than the 18.0% who specified purpose-built student accommodation.

| <b>Table 3.1 Property type</b>                  |              |                   |
|---|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Q2 What type of property do you live in?</b> | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
| Halls of Residence                              | 7            | 14.0              |
| Private purpose-built student accommodation     | 9            | 18.0              |
| Detached house                                  | 4            | 8.0               |
| Semi-detached house                             | 8            | 16.0              |
| Terraced/town house                             | 14           | 28.0              |
| Maisonette                                      | 1            | 2.0               |
| Flat/Apartment                                  | 7            | 14.0              |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>50</b>    | <b>100.0</b>      |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

- 3.6 Table 3.2 shows the tenure of the properties currently lived in by respondents. Around 28.0% of students live in their own residence, 26.0% of students live in the parental / guardian home; 18.0% rent through private sector halls and 15.0% live in 'other' rented accommodation.

| <b>Table 3.2 Property tenure</b>  |               |                   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
|                                   | <b>Count</b>  | <b>Percentage</b> |
| Parental / Guardian home          | 5,440         | 26.0%             |
| Other                             | 1,266         | 6.0%              |
| Not known                         | 294           | 1.0%              |
| Not in attendance at the provider | 1,140         | 5.0%              |
| Own residence                     | 5,956         | 28.0%             |
| Other rented accommodation        | 3,245         | 15.0%             |
| Private-sector halls              | 3,717         | 18.0%             |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>21,058</b> | <b>100.0</b>      |

Source: Huddersfield University data 2016

- 3.7 The household survey asked how long respondents have lived in their current address (Table 3.3). The majority of respondents (82.0%) reported that they have lived in their current accommodation for less than 1 year, 12.0% said that they have lived at the same address for at least five years.

| Table 3.3 Duration of residence             |           |              |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Q4 How long have you lived at this address? | Count     | Percentage   |
| Less than 1 year                            | 41        | 82.0         |
| Between 1 and up to 2 years                 | 3         | 6.0          |
| Between 2 and up to 3 years                 | 2         | 4.0          |
| Between 3 and up to 4 years                 | 0         | 0.0          |
| Between 4 and up to 5 years                 | 1         | 2.0          |
| Between 5 and up to 10 years                | 0         | 0.0          |
| Between 10 and up to 20 years               | 3         | 6.0          |
| 20 years or more                            | 0         | 0.0          |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>50</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

3.8 In terms their local area, around 70.0% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live. A further 18.0% were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, while 12.0% expressed degrees of dissatisfaction, of whom 4.0% were very dissatisfied.

| Table 3.4 Neighbourhood satisfaction  |           |              |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Q5 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your neighbourhood as a place to live? | Count     | Percentage   |
| Very Satisfied  | 15        | 30.0         |
| Satisfied   | 20        | 40.0         |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied  | 9         | 18.0         |
| Dissatisfied  | 4         | 8.0          |
| Very Dissatisfied   | 2         | 4.0          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>50</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

3.9 Students were asked whether their current home has been adapted or purpose-built for a person with a long-term illness, health problem or disability. 2.0% of respondents said that their home is either adapted or purpose-built (Table 3.5).

| Table 3.5 Adapted or purpose-built accommodation   |           |              |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Q16 Has your current home been adapted or purpose-built for a person with a long-term illness, health problem or disability? | Count     | Percentage   |
| Yes  | 1         | 2.0          |
| No   | 48        | 96.0         |
| Total  | 49        | 98.0         |
| No answer given  | 1         | 2.0          |
| <b>Base</b>  | <b>50</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

3.10 The household survey found that none of the respondents, or members of the household, require care or support to enable them to stay in their current home (Table 3.6).

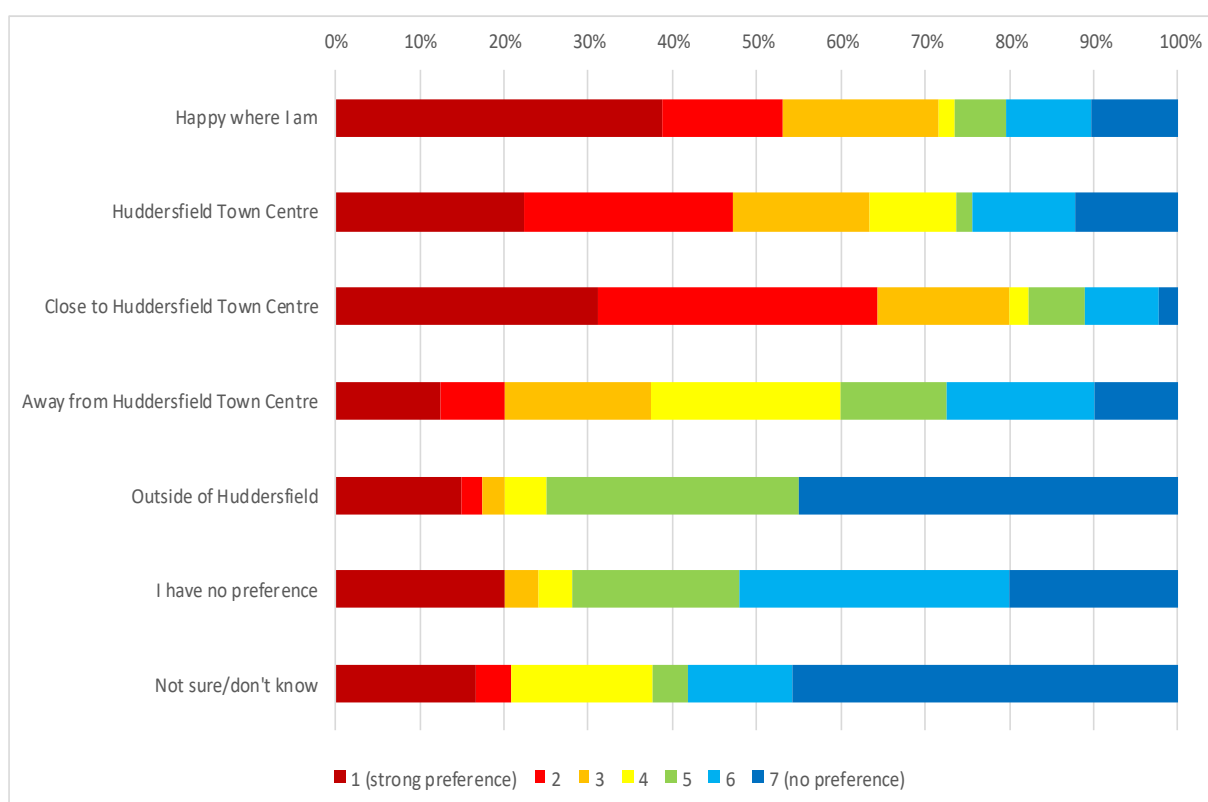
| <b>Table 3.6 Care and support needs</b>  |              |                   |
|--|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Q15 Do you, or any other member of your household, require care or support to enable you/them to stay in this home?</b> | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
| Yes  | 0            | 0.0               |
| No   | 50           | 100.0             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>50</b>    | <b>100.0</b>      |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

## 4. Making housing choices

- 4.1 This chapter explores the findings of the household survey in respect of the choices students make regarding housing, and why.
- 4.2 The household survey asked students where they would prefer their accommodation to be located. Respondents were asked to indicate their preferences for different locations, ranking them from 1 (strong preference) to 7 (no preference). The findings are set out in Figure 4.1, with red indicating the strongest preference and blue the lowest preference.

**Figure 4.1 Ranking of location preferences**



Source: Student Household Survey 2016

- 4.3 Figure 4.1 indicates the strongest preference for being 'happy where I am'. More respondents considered being 'close to Huddersfield Town Centre' as preferable to being in Huddersfield Town Centre, with around 80.0% ranking 'close to Huddersfield Town Centre' as 1, 2 or 3 compared with 63.4% for the Town Centre. Of lower preference, only 37.5% of respondents ranked 'away from Huddersfield Town Centre' as 1, 2 or 3 in priority and around 20.0% of respondents for 'outside of Huddersfield'.
- 4.4 The students were asked whether they feel that there is sufficient choice of student accommodation in Kirklees. As set out in Table 4.2, 68.0% felt there was sufficient choice compared with 26.0% who did not. A further 6.0% were not sure/didn't know.

| <b>Table 4.2 Choice of accommodation</b>   |              |                   |
|--|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Q7 Do you feel there is sufficient choice of student accommodation in Kirklees?</b> | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
| Yes  | 34           | 68.0              |
| No   | 13           | 26.0              |
| Not sure/don't know  | 3            | 6.0               |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>50</b>    | <b>100.0</b>      |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

## 5. Housing plans for the future

- 5.1 This chapter explores the findings of the household survey in terms of the plans students have for their future housing. It also provides information on proposed future developments within the university, as derived from secondary sources and interviews.

### Household survey findings

- 5.2 The survey asked students whether they are planning to stay in the Kirklees Council area once they graduate or leave university. Around 20.0% of respondents said that they plan to stay in the area, 38.0% said that they do not plan to stay in the area and 42.0% were not sure (Table 5.1).

| Table 5.1 Planning to stay in Kirklees Council area   |           |              |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Q13 Are you planning to stay in the Kirklees Council area once you graduate/leave university? | Count     | Percentage   |
| Yes   | 10        | 20.0         |
| No  | 19        | 38.0         |
| Not sure  | 21        | 42.0         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>50</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

- 5.3 The household survey additionally asked respondents where they are planning to move to once they graduate or leave university. The findings are set out in Table 5.2, which shows that only 4.0% plan to stay where they are (which may be within or outside of Huddersfield). 16.0% plan to move within Huddersfield and 24.0% plan to move outside the Kirklees Council area. A total of 42.0% were undecided yet on their plans to move.

| Table 5.2 Planned location of move  |           |              |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Q14 Where are you planning to move to once you graduate/leave university? | Count     | Percentage   |
| Stay where I am just now  | 2         | 4.0          |
| In Huddersfield   | 8         | 16.0         |
| Outside of Huddersfield and elsewhere in the Kirklees Council area        | 1         | 2.0          |
| Outside of the Kirklees Council area                                      | 12        | 24.0         |
| Outside of England but still in the UK                                    | 1         | 2.0          |
| Outside of the United Kingdom   | 5         | 10.0         |
| Not decided yet   | 21        | 42.0         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>50</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016



- 5.4 The household survey explored student aspirations in terms of housing types. The type of property that students would like is compared with the type of property that they expect in Table 5.3. This reveals that more respondents would like purpose-built student accommodation than expect to be able to move into this form of housing; likewise, more aspire to live semi-detached houses than expect to. By comparison, more respondents expect to live in terraced houses, flats/apartments than would like this form of housing.

| <b>Table 5.3 Housing aspirations</b>   |              |              |               |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Q17/18 What type of property would you LIKE/EXPECT to move to for the next academic year or after university?</b> | <b>Like</b>  |              | <b>Expect</b> |              |
|  | <b>Count</b> | <b>%</b>     | <b>Count</b>  | <b>%</b>     |
| Halls of residence   | -            | -            | 3             | 6.0          |
| Purpose built student accommodation  | 12           | 24.0         | 9             | 18.0         |
| Detached house   | 5            | 10.0         | -             | -            |
| Semi-detached house  | 5            | 10.0         | 4             | 8.0          |
| Terraced/Town house  | 4            | 8.0          | 9             | 18.0         |
| Bungalow   | 2            | 4.0          | -             | -            |
| Flat / apartment   | 10           | 20.0         | 13            | 26.0         |
| Do not expect to move/Stay where I am  | 11           | 22.0         | 12            | 24.0         |
| Other  | 1            | 2.0          | -             | -            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>50</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>50</b>     | <b>100.0</b> |

Source: Student Household Survey 2016

- 5.5 Data from the Huddersfield University Students Union report January 2016 states that private sector rented accommodation still remains an important accommodation choice for many students. However, although costs are usually lower than halls of residence there remains wide variances in quality across the private rented sector.
- 5.6 The University are aware of the need to offer more affordable accommodation whilst maintaining high quality stock, in close proximity to the University Campus.
- 5.7 In addition to student accommodation many recent graduates have decided to stay within the Kirklees area and therefore will require access to affordable housing, both for rental and purchase.

## Future university objectives

- 5.8 During the life of the University's strategy map 2008-2013 continual investment has taken place into strategic maintenance and 50% of the estate has been rebuilt or refurbished making it one of the UK's highest quality, inspiring and modern campuses.
- 5.9 The Estate Strategy and Capital Plan (2005-2015) will ensure the continuation of such investment and redevelopment at the University.
- 5.10 Estates and Facilities are committed to providing high quality accommodation for teaching and learning. The aim of the estate strategy is to develop and maintain the best possible teaching and learning environment for students and staff. There are seven main future objectives for the University, including:-
- To provide a safe, cost effective, healthy, attractive and well equipped environment for learning and for working.
  - To invest prudently to improve the University's competitive position.
  - To link new estate developments with the academic development of the University.
  - To provide HE in areas of low participation.
  - To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the estate.
  - To implement a policy of spatial coherence and improve quality, effectiveness and efficiency by concentrating schools and services in single areas of the campus.
  - To allocate space according to need.

## 6. Conclusion

- 6.1 This Student Housing Survey 2016 has been undertaken to supplement the findings of the Kirklees Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA), supporting the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2012) and Planning Practice Guidance, *Housing and economic development needs assessments* (updated 2016).
- 6.2 The Student Housing Survey 2016 is based on primary data which has been collected by means of an on-line survey. Students were invited to participate in an online questionnaire, which was completed by 50 respondents. This data has been supplemented by secondary research, including statistics made available by the University of Huddersfield, and telephone interviews with officers at the University.
- 6.3 This chapter provides a summary of the main findings of the research.

### Student population

- 6.4 The household survey was completed by a wide range of students, around 76.0% of undergraduate age (in first, second or third year) and 24.0% in fourth, fifth or subsequent years. Around 16.0% of students live at home during term-time, some of the reasons included; they already live locally; because it is easier and for financial reasons.
- 6.5 In terms of the household type, Over 80% of survey respondents identified themselves as a 'Student Household', of whom the majority (68.0%) said that all adults in their household are students. Around 16.0% of respondents identified their household as a couple or lone parent, 4.0% with dependent children.
- 6.6 The household survey found that under over two-thirds (68.0%) of respondents identified as White (British, English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish); 16.0% identified as Asian or Asian British and 6.0% as Black/African/Caribbean/Black British.
- 6.7 Regarding employment status, the majority of respondents (92.0%) describe themselves as full-time students (78.0% undergraduate and 14.0% postgraduate). A further 2.0% describe themselves as part-time students.

### Housing patterns

- 6.8 Just over a third of respondents (32.0%) said that they live in designated student accommodation, either in halls of residence (14.0%) or private purpose-built student accommodation (18.0%). Around 28.0% live in a terraced/town house
- 6.9 In terms of housing tenure, the household survey found that around 40.0% of students rent their accommodation privately; 32.0% rent through a student letting agent and 16.0% rent through purpose built student accommodation.

- 6.10 The majority of respondents (82.0%) reported that they have lived in their current accommodation for less than one year, while 6.0% said that they have lived at the same address for over ten years.
- 6.11 Around 70.0% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live, while 12.0% expressed degrees of dissatisfaction, of whom 4.0% were very dissatisfied.
- 6.12 Only 2.0% of respondents said that their home is either adapted or purpose-built and none of the respondents, or members of the household, require care or support to enable them to stay in their current home.

## Housing choices

- 6.13 In terms of locational preferences, respondents indicated the strongest preference for their current location, with being 'close to Huddersfield Town Centre' as a second preference.
- 6.14 Around 26.0% of respondents felt that there is insufficient choice of student accommodation available in Kirklees.

## Future housing plans

- 6.15 The household survey asked students whether they are planning to stay in the Kirklees Council area once they graduate or leave university. Around 20.0% of respondents said that they plan to stay in the area and 42.0% were not sure (38.0% said that they do not plan to stay in the area).
- 6.16 In terms of location, 4.0% plan to stay where they are (which may be within or outside of Kirklees). 16.0% plan to move within Huddersfield and 24.0% plan to move outside the Kirklees Council area. A total of 42.0% were undecided yet on their plans to move.
- 6.17 An analysis of housing aspirations (likes compared with expectations) reveals that more respondents would like purpose-built student accommodation than expect to be able to move into this form of housing; likewise, more aspire to live semi-detached houses than expect to. By comparison, more respondents expect to live in terraced houses, flats/apartments than would like this form of housing.
- 6.18 In terms of looking forward, the University were asked what their future growth plans were in relation to anticipated future student numbers, students on a waiting list and in terms of their analysis of future housing needs. The University confirmed that at this stage they do not have any significant current plans for future growth.

## Technical Appendix A: Online student household questionnaire

### Kirklees Council - Student Housing Needs Survey – questions 2016

**Q1a Please type in your full postcode (e.g. HD1 2JR CAPITALS and middle space included). This allows us to place your location within the defined housing markets and then allows us to better understand housing dynamics across the whole Council area. Please also note that the postcode will not be used to link your responses to you as an individual as this is out of the scope of this research which is very strongly linked to gaining an overall strategic view of housing requirements.**

|  | Response total |
|--|----------------|
| Full Postcode using CAPITALS and with one space (e.g. HD1 2JR) |                |

- Statistics based on **0** respondents;

#### Q1b Which University year are you in?

|                     | Response percent | Response total |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| First year          |                  |                |
| Second year         |                  |                |
| Third year          |                  |                |
| Fourth year         |                  |                |
| Fifth year or later |                  |                |

- Statistics based on **0** respondents;

#### Q1c Are you a student who lives at home during term time?

|     | Response percent | Response total |
|-----|------------------|----------------|
| Yes |                  |                |
| No  |                  |                |

- Statistics based on **0** respondents;

#### Q1d Why do you live at home during term time? (please tick all that apply)

|                   | Response percent | Response total |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Financial reasons |                  |                |

|  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| It is easier for me                                  |  |  |  |
| Already live locally/in Kirklees/Huddersfield        |  |  |  |
| Lack of suitable purpose built student accommodation |  |  |  |
| Lack of general student housing                      |  |  |  |
| Prefer not to say/not sure/don't know                |  |  |  |
| Other - please specify your reasons:<br>_            |  |  |  |

• Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q2 What type of property do you live in?**

|   | Response percent | Response total |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| Halls of Residence                          |                  |                |
| Private purpose-built student accommodation |                  |                |
| Detached house                              |                  |                |
| Semi-detached house                         |                  |                |
| Terraced house\town house                   |                  |                |
| Bungalow                                    |                  |                |
| Maisonette                                  |                  |                |
| Flat/Apartment                              |                  |                |
| Caravan / Park Home                         |                  |                |
| Other                                       |                  |                |

• Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q3 What is the tenure of the place you currently live in?**

|   | Response percent | Response total |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| Owned (with or without mortgage)  |                  |                |
| Rented through the University/Halls of Residence                                      |                  |                |
| Rented through a student's lettings agent   |                  |                |
| Rented Privately  |                  |                |
| Rented from Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing/Kirklees Council, or a Housing Association |                  |                |
| Living at home with family  |                  |                |
| Other (please specify)<br>_   |                  |                |

• Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q4 How long have you lived at this address?**

|                               | Response percent | Response total |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Less than 1 year              |                  |                |
| Between 1 and up to 2 years   |                  |                |
| Between 2 and up to 3 years   |                  |                |
| Between 3 and up to 4 years   |                  |                |
| Between 4 and up to 5 years   |                  |                |
| Between 5 and up to 10 years  |                  |                |
| Between 10 and up to 20 years |                  |                |
| 20 years or more              |                  |                |

• Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q5. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your neighbourhood as a place to live?**

|                                   | Response percent | Response total |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Very Satisfied                    |                  |                |
| Satisfied                         |                  |                |
| Neither satisfied or dissatisfied |                  |                |
| Dissatisfied                      |                  |                |
| Very Dissatisfied                 |                  |                |

• Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q6 Where would you prefer your student accommodation to be located? Please rank your responses from 1 to 7 (if appropriate). You can provide just one response if you wish - please code them in order from 1. So 1 represents your main preference.**

|                                    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Response total |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------------|
| Happy where I am                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                |
| In Huddersfield town centre        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                |
| Close to Huddersfield town centre  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                |
| Away from Huddersfield town centre |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                |

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|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Outside of Huddersfield |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have no preference    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not sure/Don't know     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- Statistics based on 0 respondents;

#### Q7 Do you feel there is sufficient choice of student accommodation in Huddersfield?

|                     | Response percent | Response total |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Yes                 |                  |                |
| No                  |                  |                |
| Not sure/Don't know |                  |                |

- Statistics based on 0 respondents;

#### Q8 How would you describe your household?

|   | Response percent | Response total |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| Student Household - all adults are students   |                  |                |
| Student Household - adults/families including children                              |                  |                |
| Student household - mix of students and other households (e.g. employed/unemployed) |                  |                |
| Single Adult (under 65)   |                  |                |
| Single Adult (65 or over)   |                  |                |
| Couple only (both under 65)   |                  |                |
| Couple only (one or both over 65)   |                  |                |
| Couple with 1 or 2 child(ren) under 18  |                  |                |
| Couple with child(ren) aged 18+   |                  |                |
| Couple with 3 or more children under 18   |                  |                |
| Lone parent with 3 or more children under 18  |                  |                |
| Lone parent with 1 or 2 child(ren) under 18   |                  |                |
| Lone parent with child(ren) aged 18+  |                  |                |
| Other type of household   |                  |                |

- Statistics based on 0 respondents;



| <b>Q9 What is your ethnic origin.</b>                     |                         |                       |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | <b>Response percent</b> | <b>Response total</b> |
| White (British, English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish) |                         |                       |
| White - Irish   |                         |                       |
| White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller                          |                         |                       |
| White - Central and Eastern European                      |                         |                       |
| White - other   |                         |                       |
| Mixed or multiple ethnic group                            |                         |                       |
| Asian or Asian British                                    |                         |                       |
| Black / African / Caribbean / Black British               |                         |                       |
| Other ethnic group e.g. Middle East, North African, Arab  |                         |                       |

- Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q10 Please tick which best describes your MAIN employment status from the following list. For example if you are a student who is also employed we would want to know which takes up most of your time**

|   | <b>Response percent</b> | <b>Response total</b> |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Full-time undergraduate student                           |                         |                       |
| Full-time postgraduate student                            |                         |                       |
| Part-time undergraduate student                           |                         |                       |
| Part-time post-graduate student                           |                         |                       |
| Working full-time (30 or more hrs each week)              |                         |                       |
| Working part-time (between 16 and up to 30 hrs each week) |                         |                       |
| Working part-time (under 16 hrs each week)                |                         |                       |
| Self-employed (full or part time)                         |                         |                       |
| On Government supported training programme                |                         |                       |
| Unemployed and available for work                         |                         |                       |
| Permanently sick/disabled                                 |                         |                       |
| Wholly retired from work                                  |                         |                       |
| Looking after the home                                    |                         |                       |
| Full-time carer or volunteer                              |                         |                       |
| Other   |                         |                       |

- Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q11 Please tell us where did you live previously? This could be your last accommodation or where your parents live for example.**

|                                | Response total |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Postcode                       |                |
| Town/City or Country if not UK |                |

- Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q12 Are you planning to stay in the Kirklees Council area once you graduate/leave University?**

|          | Response percent | Response total |
|----------|------------------|----------------|
| Yes      |                  |                |
| No       |                  |                |
| Not sure |                  |                |

- Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q13 Where are you planning to move to once you graduate/leave University?**

|  | Response percent | Response total |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| Stay where I am just now   |                  |                |
| In Huddersfield  |                  |                |
| Outside of Huddersfield and elsewhere in the Kirklees Council area |                  |                |
| Outside of the Kirklees Council area                               |                  |                |
| Outside of England but still in the UK                             |                  |                |
| Outside of the United Kingdom                                      |                  |                |

- Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q14 Has your current home been adapted or purpose-built for a person with a long-term illness, health problem or disability?**

|     | Response percent | Response total |
|-----|------------------|----------------|
| Yes |                  |                |
| No  |                  |                |

- Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q15 Do you, or any other member of your household, require care or support to enable you/them to stay in this home?**

|     | Response percent | Response total |
|-----|------------------|----------------|
| Yes |                  |                |
| No  |                  |                |

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- Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q16 Is there sufficient space in your home for a carer to stay overnight, if this was needed?**

|     | Response percent | Response total |
|-----|------------------|----------------|
| Yes |                  |                |
| No  |                  |                |

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- Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q17 What type of property would you LIKE to move to for the next academic year or after University?**

|                                       | Response percent | Response total |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Purpose built student accommodation   |                  |                |
| Detached house                        |                  |                |
| Semi-detached house                   |                  |                |
| Terraced house                        |                  |                |
| Flat / apartment                      |                  |                |
| Bungalow                              |                  |                |
| Caravan / Park-Home                   |                  |                |
| Do not expect to move/Stay where I am |                  |                |

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- Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q18 What type of property would you EXPECT to move to for the next academic year or after University?**

|                                     | Response percent | Response total |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Purpose built student accommodation |                  |                |
| Detached house                      |                  |                |
| Semi-detached house                 |                  |                |
| Terraced house                      |                  |                |

|                                       |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Flat / apartment                      |  |  |  |
| Bungalow                              |  |  |  |
| Caravan / Park-Home                   |  |  |  |
| Do not expect to move/Stay where I am |  |  |  |

• Statistics based on 0 respondents;

**Q19 Where do you want to move to? Please select a FIRST and SECOND choice. Write your numbers in the boxes at the end. Please refer to the map if you are unsure of the Ward/area where you want to move to)**

**Within Kirklees**

- 01. Batley and Spen (this area combines the Council Wards of Batley East, Batley West, Birstall and Birkenshaw, Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike and Liversedge and Gomersal)**
- 02. Dewsbury and Mirfield (this area combines the Council Wards of Dewsbury East/South/West and Mirfield)**
- 03. Huddersfield North (this area combines the Council Wards of Ashbrow, Greenhead and Lindley)**
- 04. Huddersfield South (the area combines the Council Wards of Almondbury, Crosland Moor and Netherton, Dalton and Newsome)**
- 05. Kirklees Rural - East (this area combines the Council Wards of Denby Dale and Kirkburton)**
- 06. Kirklees Rural - West (this area combined the Council Wards of Colne Valley, Golcar and Holme Valley North and South)**

**Outside Kirklees**

- 07. Calderdale Council area**
- 08. Bradford Council area**
- 09. Leeds Council area**
- 10. Wakefield Council area**
- 11. Barnsley Council area**
- 12. Oldham Council area**
- 13. Rochdale Council area**
- 14. High Peak Council area**
- 15. Elsewhere in the UK**
- 16. Outside the UK**

|                   |  |                       |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------|
|                   |  | <b>Response total</b> |
| 1st Choice Number |  |                       |
| 2nd Choice Number |  |                       |

• Statistics based on 0 respondents;