HOLMFIRTH CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Appendix A2 Public Consultation Questionnaire

Q1 Have you completed a Holmfirth Conservation Group Questionnaire before? (if so, Please complete this one as well!)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	20.00%	25
No	80.00%	100
TOTAL		125

Q2 Did you know Holmfirth is a Conservation Area



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.37%	105
No	14.63%	18
TOTAL		123

Q3 Did you know Holmfirth is on Historic England's "At Risk" register



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	35.71%	45
No	64.29%	81
TOTAL		126



Q4 What is important to you about Holmfirth town centre

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	DISAGREE STRONGLY	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
The shops in Holmfirth	57.60% 72	37.60% 47	3.20% 4	0.00% 0	1.60% 2	125
The park and green spaces	69.35% 86	25.81% 32	4.84% 6	0.00%	0.00% 0	124
The views to and from the town	68.00% 85	28.00% 35	1.60% 2	0.00% 0	2.40% 3	125
The town's industrial history	52.85% 65	38.21% 47	5.69% 7	0.81% 1	2.44% 3	123
The character of the area - it's history, buildings and setting	77.78% 98	20.63% 26	0.79% 1	0.00% 0	0.79% 1	126
The familiar landmarks it contains	52.80% 66	40.00% 50	4.80% 6	0.00% 0	2.40% 3	125
Tourism and Festivals	51.59% 65	39.68% 50	7.14% 9	0.79% 1	0.79% 1	126

Q5 If there is anything else that you consider to be important about Holmfirth please add it to the box below

Answered: 67 Skipped: 59

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Safety and security - needs to feel like a safe place - especially for children. Jobs - industrial past is all well and good but where is the future, how to we attract business, enterprise and entrepreneurs. Parking - how to we solve the current issues of on street parking within the conservation area. It's getting increasingly difficult to get around. The number of cars parked on narrow streets has almost doubled in the last 15 years. This makes it difficult to move around and get from a to b (without conflict). It will put people off living in these areas. Roadies that are steep and narrow need designated passing/ no parking places. Better signage needs to prevent heavy vehicles attempting to gat through and designated alternative parking needs to be made available. Back lane and south lane are becoming impassable at times. Increased taxis in the area use Back lane particularly as a cut through. We need a bigger plan - on back lane particularly as increased houses in scholes and cinderhills increases the problem. Perhaps we need to move to a one way circulation only on these roads. As you may tell I live in this area and here needs to be a long term solution to what is a growing problem that will stop people wanting to live in these areas.	12/9/2017 11:41 AM
2	The local businesses that try to keep alive. Cultural diversity e.g. Art Week and the various Picturedrome Entertainments	12/8/2017 10:48 AM
3	It is a real shame in my view that the railway was taken away ,access to a train would be so beneficial to this area .	12/7/2017 5:27 PM
4	Bars & pubs	12/6/2017 4:03 PM
5	Needs to be cleaner and smarter. Too many scruffy buildings, litter and dog poo for a tourist town.	12/1/2017 11:38 PM
6	The choice and quality of the pubs and restaurants has improved vastly.	12/1/2017 4:16 PM
7	The river	11/30/2017 12:12 PM
8	Preserving the surrounding countryside and protecting it from over development .	11/29/2017 10:30 PM
9	It is a very unique little town with many diverse buildings of historical interest	11/27/2017 10:16 PM
10	Just the character of the place, hard to define but it's probably the sum of its parts I guess.	11/27/2017 9:17 AM
11	Built Environment The uniqueness that comes from the way it has developed historically . The way the buildings have been build into the steep valley sides and accommodation close to amenities and country side	11/27/2017 8:22 AM
12	Built Environment Proposed housing developments are a shambles (as the Inspectir said), ill- thought out, with no care for the character, needs and amenities of surrounding villages. Should be scrapped	11/26/2017 11:53 PM
13	The friendliness of the people. The river.	11/26/2017 10:25 PM
14	Built Environment The unspoiled Yorkshire Stone Roof Tiles that give the buildings character. It is important re retain these by not covering them in solar panels as we would loose the athletics and character of a conservation town	11/26/2017 7:56 PM
15	It's regional position - not only access to heritage and stunning countryside but also cities, theatres and other cultural offers.	11/26/2017 11:22 AM
16	Built Environment The Civic Hall, The Post Office (very important with loss of HSBC bank)	11/25/2017 9:19 PM
17	The riverside	11/25/2017 3:56 PM
18	Its people are the salt of the earth	11/25/2017 10:32 AM
19	Car Parking Traffic More car parking	11/24/2017 8:16 PM
20	Sense of real community; its outlying villages and its surrounding countryside. It's also the right size!	11/24/2017 4:33 PM
21	Range of facilities	11/24/2017 2:41 PM

22	Street Lighting At one time I would have said the joys of walking the lanes at night around Underbank but the brutal new CCTV street-lighting has put paid to that. Conservation and environmental protection seems to mean very different things to different people.	11/24/2017 2:17 PM
23	Art and Culture Its diverse cultural events and experiences	11/24/2017 1:55 PM
24	Its independent nature (lack of chain shops make it a unique high street). Quirky streets, interesting snickets, cobbles, river flowing through and sense of community.	11/24/2017 1:28 PM
25	Traffic Pedestrian safety	11/24/2017 1:25 PM
26	Branding It needs to be promoted as a tourist destination which is probably a major contributor to the wealth of the area	11/23/2017 11:08 PM
27	Art and Culture Emerging centre for local and regional visual arts	11/23/2017 6:42 PM
28	Branding Needs rebranding to visitors away from outdated Last of Summer Wine image.	11/23/2017 6:32 PM
29	Car Parking Traffic Traffic and parking considerations	11/23/2017 4:44 PM
30	The character of the character is important too. The independence and identify of our town are seen in its people as well as the buildings and space.	11/23/2017 9:56 AM
31	The surrounding area	11/22/2017 10:31 PM
32	Traffic Local bus services	11/22/2017 8:53 PM
33	Built Environment cconsevation of buildings	11/22/2017 7:07 PM
34	Traffic Traffic management	11/22/2017 5:36 PM
35	Art and Culture Nightlife.	11/22/2017 5:11 PM
36	Art and Culture Community action initiatives and art and live music events and opportunities that add to the atmosphere and culture of the townh	11/22/2017 4:55 PM
37	1.Employment / trade / business (other than shopping). Holmfirth has vibrant and varied industries (art and craft, engineering, farming, leisure etc). This is not reflected in the town centre. Shops and retail is in decline as we know it(as Mary Portas has illustrated!). The 'after hours' leisure business here is good, buoyant and attracts outsiders. There is a real possibility that the shop units change in the future - it is worth looking ahead to how these might change. 2.1 hear many people talk about a much more vibrant market in the past - the current market place is an awful, uninspiring building which probably costs the public money! Holmfirth used to be a market town but it does not feel like that now! 3. I think it is a real shame that the industrial and agricultural history is so hidden - I would love to see working examples of water engineering (dams, mills etc) and wool / textile processing by young people in conjunction with some of the engineering companies here in the Holme Valley. 4. Heritage experiences don't need to be permanent features - they can be temporary / part of local festivals (and include young people!	11/22/2017 4:37 PM
38	Built Environment It's integrity as a small stone built town of houses and business on a river.	11/22/2017 4:03 PM
39	Traffic The traffic needs addressing. Get rid of HGVs. Too much signage. Help the shops to stay here by reducing rates.	11/22/2017 3:58 PM
40	Traffic too much traffic congestion	11/22/2017 3:50 PM
41	Built Environment As yet the area hasn't been over developed like the Colne Valley [in places]. Still time to save the weavers cottages etc.	11/22/2017 2:28 PM
42	Built Environment Buildings available for group meetings/functions	11/22/2017 12:31 PM
43	Traffic regulate the traffic	11/22/2017 10:46 AM
44	civilized and friendly	11/22/2017 9:27 AM
45	It's a fabulous community that needs to be kept alive by community and financial investment.	11/21/2017 6:25 PM
46	The close proximity of so many of its features.	11/21/2017 2:08 PM
47	Art and Culture The people, local characters, independent shops and the huge variety of festivals: film folk and other music, art, food and drink all add greatly to the attraction that is Holmfirth	11/21/2017 10:45 AM
48	Art and Culture Creativity; there is always such a lot of creative work going on.	11/21/2017 10:39 AM
49	Built Environment out of character buildings being built in the locality Road infrastructure Loss of small independent shops Too many cafes and not enough traders	11/21/2017 10:20 AM
50	Cycling events	11/21/2017 10:20 AM

51	Traffic transport links housing: too many badly designed houses of the same type executive housing	11/20/2017 6:00 PM
52	Its public footpaths and rights of way that mean people can get around on foot rather than by car - many being eroded due to council's lack of funding and a few farmers' lack of care and commitment, local builders' moving footpaths from historic routes in order to accommodate new developments Its transport links and public transport infrastructure	11/20/2017 1:57 PM
53	The great community spirit.	11/20/2017 12:13 PM
54	Traffic Traffic problems	11/20/2017 8:55 AM
55	I love the community spirit, as long as people don't take it too seriously and get too judgmental.	11/19/2017 7:10 PM
56	Traffic Although difficult to solve, the roads through (or more the traffic jams) must put off not only residents, but people from visiting again. I know one friend who will go well out of the way to avoid going through Holmfirth.	11/19/2017 4:21 PM
57	It's new roots in the food and drink industry e.g wine, beer, gin, coffee.	11/19/2017 1:42 PM
58	Yes - better colour co-ordination on the shops - the purple one is terrible.	11/19/2017 6:31 AM
59	Traffic Traffic problems. ie. the main roads into the town increasingly being used as unofficial car parks	11/18/2017 11:00 AM
60	We need more industry in the area to keep Holmfirth alive to stop people from moving away	11/18/2017 10:16 AM
61	none	11/17/2017 5:40 PM
62	Traffic Good local public transport	11/17/2017 5:24 PM
63	The Cricket Club, the Bowling Green and Sands recreational area.	11/17/2017 4:34 PM
64	The river. Offers opportunities for exploiting its potential	11/17/2017 3:05 PM
65	The arts and cultural aspects	11/17/2017 6:18 AM
66	Built Environment Its general olde-worlde ambience and the lack of intrusive modern architecture	11/16/2017 4:01 PM
67	It's position within the landscape. The strong sense of community.	11/15/2017 10:51 PM

Q6 What do you think are the most important issues facing Holmfirth



Q7 If there is anything else that you consider to be an important issue facing Holmfirth please add it to the box below

Answered: 53 Skipped: 73

#	RESPONSES	DATE
# 1	RESPONSES Think I've covered the traffic one but I'd like to see more control over shop frontage and signage. Some colour themes/ framework and style to work to. All the poster signage on front of post office is an abomination. On the flip side brambles have really embraced whet holmfirth should be. On the outside at least. The bus station is ugly and even the bridge that really lifted the area when it was first renovated now looks downtrodden and scruffy on the outside. It had lovely tables parasols and seating and now look at it. Back to park benches. Shame on them.	12/9/2017 11:41 AM
	The elephant and castle had done a great job and now looks more the part. Hollow gate is food. I'd say the area around the bus station needs biggest improvement. Including the bridge.	
2	It would be good to introduce a wider shopping experience ,ie - less charity shops ,less pubs ,less cafes	12/7/2017 5:27 PM
3	There is a problem with the grade of crushed stone that is being used in the tarmac on the roads. Large size crush is being used to give a very uneven and very noisy road finish. This creates significant noise pollution, especially in valley bottom roads such as Huddersfield Road. I have noticed in other parts of the country that finer grades are used when noise pollution is seen to be an issue.	12/5/2017 7:13 PM
4	No Pedestrian crossing on Dunford road really bad also Hollowgate.	12/1/2017 11:38 PM
5	I think there is something unfortunate about the layout ans traffic in Holmfirth that makes it a town centre I don't spend time in, or shop. It isn't easy to just call in to a shop or the library, but also I find it isn't particularly a nice place to coffee lunch or shop in.	11/30/2017 12:12 PM
6	The control of illegal parking on pavements by using exsisting laws . Thoughtlessly parked vehicle's cause lot's of problems for disabled , older or younger people . This is totally unacceptable in my opinion .	11/29/2017 10:30 PM
7	any inappropriate buildings which detract from its historical essence	11/27/2017 10:16 PM
8	Commerce Maintaining the small business and shops not allowing too many multi national shops to turn the centre into the same as any town	11/27/2017 8:22 AM
9	Public Realm Ugly rubbish bins.	11/26/2017 10:25 PM
10	Commerce "The gradual loss of character through inappropriate styles of modern shop frontages, their colours and materials" I would challenge this statement as the Bloc Cafe is modern and it not of traditional style but fits in well and looks great!	11/26/2017 7:56 PM
11	The library's continues existence	11/25/2017 9:19 PM
12	Maintaining the river as a focal point of the town centre.	11/25/2017 11:57 AM
13	The need to promote Holmfirth's many aspects to continue the economic benefit of tourism	11/25/2017 10:32 AM
14	Accessibility, e.g. for wheelchair users	11/24/2017 4:16 PM
15	That the conservation area doesn't become a museum, to allow new architectural styles that compliment those it sits amongst	11/24/2017 2:41 PM
16	StreetLighting Street lighting. Your multi-choice question is ambiguous, but I would vote for gett8ing rid of all the bright white lights the council is inflicting on the countryside. Ross Services tell me they are better for distinguishing colours and faces, low, they are CCTV ready. What they are doing putting them out in the fields and lanes and ruining the night-life for residents and the wildlife is hard to say. They would be excellent for a lorry-park. The main Dunford Rd lights are more in keeping than these monsters they put on the side-streets.	11/24/2017 2:17 PM
17	1. Poor level of maintenance by property owners and tenants. 2. Issues of litter and cleansing, particularly along riverside.	11/24/2017 1:55 PM
18	Challenge of balancing traditional styles with a vibrant town centre. Traffic flow is both a problem and an advantage as people see more of the town if they don't fly through eg. rumours of making a huge roundabout in the centre to get trucks flowing faster would lose the character of the town so we have to be careful what we wish for.	11/24/2017 1:28 PM
		11/24/2017 1:25 PM

20	Access for disabled visitors	11/23/2017 11:08 PM
21	Commerce Traffic Constant road works. Heavy transport causing danger to buildings, people and other traffic. Lack of individual interesting shops. A need to extend opening hours of shops and cafes if possible. Christmas lighting a big improvement.	11/23/2017 6:42 PM
22	There is a need for clear policies and enforcement by the local authority	11/23/2017 6:32 PM
23	We must keep our library, as an essential public space and meeting place. The loss of our Civic hall is very sad too.	11/23/2017 4:44 PM
24	Commerce The decline in people using the shops and facilities during the day will lead to more empty properties and lack of maintenance. Absentee landlords is also an issue.	11/23/2017 9:56 AM
25	Branding Developing future prospects for the Town so that it can prosper into the future.	11/22/2017 7:23 PM
26	Traffic parking	11/22/2017 7:07 PM
27	Branding Identity - what is Holmfirth's place in South Kirklees, West Yorkshire and the UK?	11/22/2017 5:36 PM
28	Lack of employment .	11/22/2017 5:11 PM
29	The need for affordable housing for young people and over 55s - accessing sites that may be brown field sites clsoe to centre of town. Cross funding builders to make safe thee sites safe is an important component accessing local and goverment funding and initiatives from the community/individual philanthropists. A campaign to stop juggarnauts travelling through the town is vital to sop the frequent log jams in the centre of town that affects ambience and health	11/22/2017 4:55 PM
30	Traffic Traffic flow may affect people who drive and indeed who breathe noxious fumes! I think the levels of congestion may even deter people from using the area as a ' rat run'! We NEED to plan ahead for green off road transport links - to be future proof in terms of energy availability. The advent of electric bikes and the need for us to become less sedentary points towards this solution. Kirklees should drop the policy of 'one bedroom , one parking space' - it encourages more cars and traffic and is not appropriate to the conservation area (see Prickledon Mill)	11/22/2017 4:37 PM
31	Public Realm A general running down of the towns appearance by thoughtless business developers	11/22/2017 4:03 PM
32	Please hope that Balmforth's restoration is just that.	11/22/2017 2:28 PM
33	Traffic I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED AT THE HUGE PANTECHNICONS/LORRIES USING THE CENTRE TO GET THROUGH TO M/C HESTER VIA GREENFIELD RD. ETC	11/22/2017 12:31 PM
34	Commerce Too many charity shops	11/21/2017 6:25 PM
35	Public Realm Wheelie bins left out on the roads/pavements. They look messy and block pavements which is dangerous for pedestrians	11/21/2017 4:25 PM
36	Traffic The need for adequate 'off street' parking	11/21/2017 10:45 AM
37	To much development would spoil history and character of Holmfirth.	11/21/2017 10:43 AM
38	Becoming too crowded.	11/21/2017 10:39 AM
39	No	11/21/2017 10:20 AM
40	Commerce Too many charity shops	11/21/2017 10:20 AM
41	Kirklees Council and Planning Committees repeated failure to come up with a local development plan that contains proper planning consideration and has turned into a tick box exercise. Failure of planning committee to challenge highways department on planning applications for the Holme Valley	11/20/2017 1:57 PM
42	Traffic Continuance of public transport.	11/20/2017 12:54 PM
43	Public Realm StreetLighting I don't mind the signage and the colours of shop fronts I like the individual look, but yes I agree other things should be uniformed such as street lights and the stone of a building	11/20/2017 12:13 PM
44	People trying to build social housing. It's not in keeping with the valley and looks cluttered. It's an expensive area. I had to move closer to Huddersfield before I could afford to buy here.	11/19/2017 1:42 PM
45	StreetLighting Look at the street lighting in Upperthong this is great & economical	11/19/2017 6:31 AM
46	NO	11/18/2017 10:16 AM
47	corporate/mainstream businesses reaching our independent high street	11/17/2017 5:40 PM
48	The building of new houses on almost every available space leads to a gradual erosion and downgrading of a small village that is still a tourist attraction.	11/17/2017 4:34 PM

49	Local jobs	11/17/2017 3:05 PM
50	Traffic Parking provision in general.	11/17/2017 6:18 AM
51	Traffic TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC and TRAFFIC	11/16/2017 4:01 PM
52	Worried that yet another supermarket will make some independent food shops unsustainable	11/16/2017 1:52 PM
53	information boards and sign posting of walking and cycling routes including within different parts of the town	11/16/2017 1:21 PM

Q8 Do you feel that the following proposals will help to look after the heritage of Holmfirth



	AGREE STRONGLY	AGREE	DISAGREE	DISAGREE STRONGLY	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
The Implementation of planning polices to ensure that heritage assets and their settings are protected	61.90% 78	30.16% 38	1.59% 2	0.00% 0	6.35% 8	126
A list of buildings that are of local historical importance, but not protected by national designation, to ensure their protection	55.20% 69	34.40% 43	3.20% 4	0.00% 0	7.20% 9	125
Guidance for developers, builders and residents on enhancing and complementing the heritage of Holmfirth	62.40% 78	32.00% 40	1.60% 2	0.00% 0	4.00% 5	125
All new buildings and developments should complement and enhance the character of the town	65.08% 82	27.78% 35	1.59% 2	0.00% 0	5.56% 7	126
Guidance for shop front designs to preserve Holmfirth's historic character	52.80% 66	37.60% 47	7.20% 9	0.00% 0	2.40% 3	125
Pavements, street lights etc. should be modified to be in keeping with the historic character of the town centre	44.44% 56	38.10% 48	11.11% 14	1.59% 2	4.76% 6	126
Education packs for schools to help children to understand the historical importance of the town	40.48% 51	49.21% 62	5.56% 7	1.59% 2	3.17% 4	126

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Q9 Are there any other proposals, which you are aware of or would like to suggest?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 87

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Planning should focus on preservation but should also allow progress and should not exclude the development of modern buildings where modern is an enhancement. Sainsbury's is an abomination - but at least the space is now being used.	12/9/2017 11:41 AM
2	Closings village roads for a couple of hours at a time once a week within the surrounding villages to give that space over for children to play. As seen in Bristol. https://www.facebook.com/bbcnews/videos/10155322030712217/ Also more outdoor educational activities for children e.g. getting them involved with conservation work, foraging, learning about trees/plants, local wildlife, meditation & yoga groups for children & young people, arts & crafts, walking meditation in the surrounding countryside.	12/7/2017 5:08 PM
3	Closings village roads for a couple of hours at a time once a week within the surrounding villages to give that space over for children to play. As seen in Bristol. https://www.facebook.com/bbcnews/videos/10155322030712217/ Also more outdoor educational activities for children e.g. getting them involved with conservation work, foraging, learning about trees/plants, local wildlife, meditation & yoga groups for children & young people, arts & crafts, walking meditation in the surrounding countryside.	12/7/2017 5:08 PM
4	Road narrowing to prevent access by large HGVs	12/5/2017 7:13 PM
5	Get older residents involved with kids to talk about the past in Holmfirth.	12/1/2017 11:38 PM
6	unaware of proposals	11/27/2017 10:16 PM
7	Packs for tourists visitors and newcomers to Holmfirth to increase the knowledge and understanding of the historical importance and uniqueness of the area.	11/27/2017 8:22 AM
8	This is a big one BUT the flow of traffic through the centre is a serious problem and I'm sure it would enhance the centre to have a traffic free area. Some plans were drawn up some time ago, and, whilst I appreciate that it is a costly project it does need to be tackled before the problem gets worse.	11/26/2017 10:25 PM
9	Guidance for shop front designs to preserve Holmfirth's historic character. Note the Bloc as an example.Education packs for schools to help children to understand the historical importance of the town. Only as long as they can understand the importance of modern architecture that could enhance the traditional buildings.	11/26/2017 7:56 PM
10	Removal of the clutter of overhead wiring and hiding of services that criss cross the river.	11/24/2017 2:41 PM
11	Somebody should do something about the ugly mess created by Berry's opposite their premises on Dunford Rd. It is absurd driving the tourists past this eyesore and local people have to put up with it day to day.	11/24/2017 2:17 PM
12	 Improved enforcement by local authority of items that contravene listed building and/or Conservation Area statutory regulations. Provision of contemporary streetscape items eg litter bins, lighting, signs/fingerposts that complement the character of the setting without resorting to pseudo or replica Victoriana. 	11/24/2017 1:55 PM
13	Need to allow some modern designs eg. Bloc has enhanced that part of town and whilst not 'heritage' in style has livened up an otherwise grotty part of the town centre. I think guidance is important for shops but we must let owners explore different designs and options as the varied shopfronts and independent style shops is one of the town's unique charms.	11/24/2017 1:28 PM
14	No	11/24/2017 1:25 PM
15	Traffic Better control of traffic through the town and ways to divert traffic that is merely passing through	11/23/2017 11:08 PM
16	Waste bins are a disgrace! They are ugly, dirty, smelly and fly and magot invested. The collection of waste is like a third world country. They block the roads causing difficulty to local traffic. They are a blot on the landscape! Inapropriate parking by workers on narrow lanes around the centre of Holmfirth causing problems of access for emergency vehicles.	11/23/2017 6:42 PM

17	Sensitivity about building large estates along the Holme Valley. Overloading drainage, resources, school places, roads, access etc at the expense of the environment, both in terms of its beauty and its it's practical limitations.	11/23/2017 4:44 PM
18	Guidance and plans are fine - what really matters is implementation.	11/23/2017 9:56 AM
19	Encourage partnership between the various organisations who govern and care about Holmfirth.	11/22/2017 5:36 PM
20	Traffic More pedestrian areas. Traffic calming.	11/22/2017 5:11 PM
21	Traffic Stop the juggarnauts- ever hopeful that this is a proposal	11/22/2017 4:55 PM
22	Working together with the amazing community groups in the area (Holmpride, River Holme Connections, Café 100 to name a few) and getting g support from Kirklees is key. Presenting solutions is always welcome.	11/22/2017 4:37 PM
23	Guidance for shop signs should not be such that they all look the same but rules about size and finish would be helpful	11/22/2017 4:03 PM
24	I WOULD LIKE TO SEE EMPTY TOP FLOORS USED FOR APARTMENTS SO THAT THERE IS SOME RESIDENTIAL/AND THESE OLD BUILDINGS MAINTAINED AND PRESERVED.	11/22/2017 12:31 PM
25	Improve the River in all aspects	11/21/2017 6:25 PM
26	Holmfirth needs genuinely affordable housing for single and people with young families. Huge tax levy on empty homes.	11/21/2017 10:45 AM
27	No	11/21/2017 10:20 AM
28	On the question of development and street lighting etc. New homes have to be built but they should complement the historic look of the valley - there seem to be few architects around these days who are any more than technical drawers. With regard to street furniture/lighting - please avoid promoting Victoriana across the town - think about good modern design and green energy options (gas lamps went out of fashion a long time ago!)	11/20/2017 1:57 PM
29	Traffic Unfortunately the level of traffic and lack of flow is an issue, though it is hard to see how that can be improved because of the situation of Holmfirth. More parking or park and ride scheme for visitors?	11/19/2017 2:18 PM
30	Getting Kirklees to help improve the town like they have in North Kirklees. The riverside looks run down and brings the whole look of the town down, as does the indoor market. The riverside walk is dark at night so we need safety measures to help people feel safe in the town on winter evenings. We need to be able to force builders to complete work on brown field sites especially if planning permission already gained.	11/19/2017 1:42 PM
31	The difficulty here is that you get people who are so obsessed with the history that they don't allow the town to move forward. I know of a case where a village was being strangled because its old bridge was in a bad state of repair. Two businesses which relied on large lorries had opened up on the outskirts of the village and this had led to huge improvements in prospects for the village, but 'history experts' wanted to rebuild the bridge in its traditional form. It took months and months to sort out with a huge diversion and access to the village restricted. In the end, they did get the new bridge, but planning laws can stifle development. Holmfirth needs to be able to create jobs and attract visitors. That probably requires a bit of compromise and understanding on all sides but writing things in stone is not going to achieve that.	11/19/2017 1:31 PM
32	Would like some signage for visitors in the Town pointing out the points of interest.	11/19/2017 6:31 AM
33	I would like to see the road drains cleaned. I live on Back Lane the drains have not been cleaned in 25 year some are full to the top. This applying to a lot of the back Streets	11/18/2017 10:16 AM
34	no	11/17/2017 5:40 PM
35	Can't think of anything	11/17/2017 5:24 PM
36	Stop any further supermarkets being built in and around Holmfirth. The roads are struggling to accommodate the current levels of vehicles.	11/17/2017 4:34 PM
37	I would suggest conservation day with suggestions of conservation restrictions and energy saving for owners etc	11/17/2017 3:05 PM
38	As regards shop fronts and new development in general, I don't think Holmfirth necessarily needs to resemble a living museum. It is possible for good contemporary design to sit alongside and complement historic buildings. I personally would like to see shop fronts painted in a limited and perhaps somewhat muted palette, although I can see why they might want to use, for example a, bright red to make their premises stand out, and link to their product	11/17/2017 6:18 AM
39	Town Museum	11/16/2017 4:01 PM

Q10 Do you think the following types of development should be restricted?



Don't know

	AGREE STRONGLY	AGREE	DISAGREE	DISAGREE STONGLY	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Replacement of windows with uPVC	21.60%	33.60%	28.80%	8.80%	7.20%	
	27	42	36	11	9	125
Replacement of the doors with uPVC	27.20%	34.40%	23.20%	8.00%	7.20%	
	34	43	29	10	9	125
Replacement of natural stone and slate roof	35.71%	35.71%	15.87%	3.97%	8.73%	
materials by man-made materials	45	45	20	5	11	126
Addition of a porch	8.06%	32.26%	34.68%	5.65%	19.35%	
	10	40	43	7	24	124
Installation of roof windows and solar panels	10.40%	20.80%	41.60%	14.40%	12.80%	
	13	26	52	18	16	125
Erection of satellite dishes or aerials	17.89%	30.08%	32.52%	5.69%	13.82%	
	22	37	40	7	17	123

Q11 If you have further comment regarding restricted development please add it to the box below

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Hi. I don't think this is about getting heavy and carte blance restricting things. PLANNING has some absurd rules like not allowing replacement of windows or making people keep single Glazed glass. This is all about allowing things to be done but in a certain way. PVC can look good - it might be that big standard white is not the right hing but there are so many styles and finishes. Equally you could look at how local businesses could support by producing products that are affordable in wood with maintenance contracts. The answer should not be no but should offer solutions that are acceptable in a way that isn't going to bankrupt small businesses.	12/9/2017 11:41 AM
2	Keep cobbles	12/8/2017 10:48 AM
3	The restricted development should be on expensive housing ,affordable housing should be provided ,a larger percentage of housing are now out of reach fora lot of people ,people that were born and breed in this area . Second holiday homes too these should be restricted . Locals should be able given the opportunity to buy first ,not business's though Im not sure how that would work exactly. Local people getting priced out of the area,an area were they were born is totally unfair	12/7/2017 5:27 PM
4	Renewables eg solar panels and wind turbines are important even if not beautiful. Climate change will wreck the town far more.	12/1/2017 11:38 PM
5	You haven't specified exactly where the above restrictions could be implemented. Also I don't think roof windows and solar panels should be lumped together. I think roof windows can look quite nice, but solar panels not. Some things have been done which while perhaps pretty in themselves do not actually reflect the history and date of the town - such as the wrought ironwork at the bus stop outside the market, and the river development. Holmfirth predates late Victorian and Edwardian. While the little bridges are functional, useful and I suppose cheap they are truly horrible - as are quite a few of the buildings in the centre, notably the old Lodges supermarket, now Sainsbury's etc.	11/30/2017 12:12 PM
6	all covered	11/27/2017 10:16 PM
7	Upvc porches etc should be in designs that are in keeping with the character of the buildings while reducing the environmental impact and helping individuals with heating bills	11/27/2017 8:22 AM
8	Restrict the amount of signage. Especially shop banners and advertisements.	11/26/2017 10:25 PM
9	Addition of a porch can help to cut down heat loss. solar panels on Yorkshire Stone roofs are contrary to retaining the historic nature and ascetics of a conservation area.	11/26/2017 7:56 PM
10	I think 'it depends' - a blanket restriction is not necessarily needed - just a considered approval on the basis that developments don't detract from heritage values	11/24/2017 4:16 PM
11	Development should only be restricted if there is a detrimental effect on the visual appearance of the conservation area.	11/24/2017 2:41 PM
12	I'd be all in favour of restricted development, and the more restricted the better.	11/24/2017 2:17 PM
13	The 'don't knows' above depend on type of building and impact. There may be property where addition of extensions/porches is acceptable. Equally, any policy should recognise the urgent need for carbon reduction measures and means of reducing fuel costs/heat loss.	11/24/2017 1:55 PM
14	Given modern windows, I think the appearance of the window rather than the materials is the most important. Eg. a sash style window being replaced by sash style uPvc is better than replacing it with a wooden framed non-sash window which does not suit the building. I do not see energy saving technology as incompatible with heritage as it is about solar panels etc. being suitable for the structure (eg. how visible from elsewhere, what edging panels have, where it is placed etc. A flat ban is not helpful if we are seeking to achieve a zero carbon town.	11/24/2017 1:28 PM
15	The town shouldn't be preserved in aspic, it needs to evolve whilst maintaining its character	11/24/2017 1:25 PM

17	No objection to porches and conservatives as long as they are sympathetic with the local, traditional style. There is a big problem with the conservation area boundaries. This results in inappropriate reservations and new builds being allowed next to carefully controlled conservation areas.	11/23/2017 6:42 PM
18	We need to balance low carbon and environmental considerations with conservation.	11/23/2017 4:44 PM
19	The town needs to evolve and adapt to modern needs but should stay in keeping with the feel of the area.	11/23/2017 9:56 AM
20	The sticking point is the protection of historic styles while allowing room for top quality new styles.	11/22/2017 5:36 PM
21	Allowing builders to build large detached houses that are not required often on green field sights close to the town that affect vistas and skyline High occupancy put pressure on the infracstructure and traffic congestion.	11/22/2017 4:55 PM
22	UPVC windows and doors differ now, but the cheap ones are dreadful. I think energy saving needs to be taken into account. The first step is to raise awareness about this before any major changes take place - people would hate to be told what to do regarding windows, doors and varied colour schemes because there has been free reign for so long!	11/22/2017 4:37 PM
23	Traffic Traffic is a big issue in Holmfirth. The problem of car pollution is a less than attractive feature of modern day development and the pedestrian and cyclist are the poor relation.	11/22/2017 4:03 PM
24	I think there is a case to allow solar panels in the conservation area because sustainability is a priority but perhaps there can be compromises?	11/22/2017 3:58 PM
25	a lot of damage has already been done. I was on the committee (self selected!) who fought to stop a supermarket on the site of the mill dam at Thongsbridge in 1992/93. Dam filled in w/o interest from Rivers Authority, Kirklees Council or Yorkshire Water.	11/22/2017 2:28 PM
26	UPVC WINDOWS AND DOORS SHOULD HAVE CONDITIONS PUT ON THEM TO BE IN KEEPING WITH THE BUILDING/ AREA- Upvc doors etc are much improved today. We do need renewable energy so could more discreet solar panels/ tv aerials be installed	11/22/2017 12:54 PM
27	No objection to different materials used if they look like the originals. Solar power, roof lights if installed in the right place do not detract	11/22/2017 12:03 PM
28	It depends what & where development is. Some of the above appropriate in housing but not high street	11/21/2017 6:25 PM
29	Open up the river	11/21/2017 10:45 AM
30	No	11/21/2017 10:20 AM
31	I would like to see more solar panels and other green energy options in use by every home that would benefit from them and can accommodate them - we should not be restriciting green energy but looking at how it can be integrated sympathetically into our environment. Phone masts should be required to be designed to fit the situation in which they are set - the appalling looking mast next to cliff rec would be a good place to start.	11/20/2017 1:57 PM
32	As long as the upvc was in keeping ie looked like a natural product.	11/20/2017 12:13 PM
33	You can do all of the above sympathetically	11/19/2017 7:10 PM
34	I do feel that although we may wish to 'control' many aspects of developments, we are living in a different era and some allowances should be made. Solar panels for instance - we do need to address the wider issues of alternatives to fossil fuel world wide.	11/19/2017 2:18 PM
35	New PVC colours are very good.	11/19/2017 6:31 AM
6	NO	11/18/2017 10:16 AM
37	no	11/17/2017 5:40 PM
38	None	11/17/2017 5:24 PM
39	Discussion about how to meet demands of living and working in a CA with modern technology influencing us i.e. double glazing, solar panels etc	11/17/2017 3:05 PM
40	As a general rule, I dislike upvc. However I can see why people would want to use it from a cost and maintenance point of view. We must be careful not to price people out of living in Holmfirth, and retain a practical outlook too. If i were to limit the use of upvc, I would say that doors, porches and conservatories have a much more negative visual impact. I think we have to maintain a level of realism as regards roofing materials. There are some visually acceptable modern alternatives to stone, given the cost of the real thing. As regards aerials etc, all depends on position and visual impact	11/17/2017 6:18 AM

41 Dilemma between modern energy-saving developments and building conservation. I favour the 11/16/2017 4:01 PM energy-saving over conservation

Q12 What do you think are the three most important changes that could be made to the appearance and character of Holmfirth?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
# 1	1. Traffic flow and management. It s a nightmare from back streets to town centres. 2. The area	12/9/2017 11:41 AM
	around the bus station including making the bridge up its game and improve its once again tatty appearance. 3. Leveraging the river front create more outdoor spaces. 4. Oh and I have to put in a 4th which is the development of green spaces - more for kids to do (development of sands area with bike park and riverside cafe potentially).	
2	Shop fronts. Signs. Traffic!!	12/8/2017 10:48 AM
3	Cleaner park & river areas to picnic more appropriate seating available for elderly residents.	12/7/2017 5:27 PM
4	Maintain character e.g stone pavements, slate roofs, wooden doors/windows. However I believe that the benefits to progressing to solar panels outweighs this due to the benefits to the environment. We all need to be taking better care of the planet first and foremost.	12/7/2017 5:08 PM
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6	Consistency of Street furniture Limit street parking in Victoria Street Reduce clutter, stop flyposting and advertisements being fixed to railings	12/5/2017 7:13 PM
7	Proper shops encouraging local people to visit town centre	12/5/2017 3:57 PM
8	Cleaner streets. Smarter shop fronts. Demolish riverside eyesore shopping centre.	12/1/2017 11:38 PM
9	It is difficult, because it can't be a museum, it has to be a functioning town. It also depends on how you are defining Holmfirth, just the centre, or the Valley. 1. Town centre frontage and signage 2. Improving the look of some of the more ghastly new-builds introduced in recent years. 3. Traffic flow would be good - but perhaps impossible!	11/30/2017 12:12 PM
10	restriction of traffic, maintaining buildings true to their heritage and information about the historical importance of the buildings	11/27/2017 10:16 PM
11	Maintaining the character of Holmfirth. Ensuring all vacant buildings are brought back into use. Eradicating the invasive species form the river (knotweed and balsam) to protect the buildings along the river.	11/27/2017 8:22 AM
12	Development of use for vacant buildings. Control of building styles to be in keeping with the character of Holmfirth. Creation of 'Park and Ride' facility - from Sands?	11/26/2017 11:53 PM
13	Developing the riverside area so that it can be accessed and enjoyed. Development of a community arts/ cultural/ social centre in the civic hall, library or Adult education centre Traffic reduction in village centre.	11/26/2017 10:25 PM
14	1, Good design of shop fronts including colours. 2, More town centre car parking and off road parking in villagers to help to prevent double parking which restricts traffic flow and adds to carbon output that could add to health issues. Cheeper and frequent public transport so people can rely less on taking a car to the shops / supermarkets.	11/26/2017 7:56 PM
15	Improve access to the riverside	11/25/2017 3:56 PM
16	Keeping the River Holme clear of rubbish Planning refusal for any more food takeaway outlets Restoration of a municipal youth centre	11/25/2017 10:32 AM
17	Traffic Grass over the car park (could that be put underground?!) by the post office, giving the town a green centre.	11/24/2017 4:33 PM
18	Consistency of signage (colours/fonts) Removal of unnecessary clutter Ageeement and enforcement of appropriate planning/development guidelines	11/24/2017 4:16 PM
19	1 Tighter control on new and renovated buildings to conform with conservation. 2 Preservation of trees	11/24/2017 4:10 PM
20	better use of the river as an amenity.	11/24/2017 2:41 PM
21	The Post Office needs urgent attention.	11/24/2017 2:17 PM

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22	1 Better enforcement and management of streetscape 2 Implementation of shop front design guidelines 3 Encouragement for improved maintenance of property and appropriate enforcement or statutory measures to ensure suitable maintenance, signage and frontages.	11/24/2017 1:55 PM
23	A robust plan for the Library and Market Hall so they are kept in good repair / developed for a future community use. Also development of the old Parish Council offices / TIC as this empty shop frontage is a poor advert for the town. Similarly, redevelopment of the upstairs of the Riverside and enhancement of the river through riverside walkways. Finally, better lighting from Sainsburys along the river to Crown Bottom. It is very dark and uninviting at night and yet is the main access to the main car park in the town. It should be lit in a suitable style for the character of Holmfirth.	11/24/2017 1:28 PM
24	Traffic Pedestrian safety Shop frontage Market	11/24/2017 1:25 PM
25	Pedestrianise Hollowgate Return frontages of buildings to original design Create more parking outside the conservation area and stop parking in the conservation area	11/23/2017 11:08 PM
26	Bars aimed at under 25. Nice trendy shops. Less charity shops	11/23/2017 7:55 PM
27	Waste bins Street furniture eg ugly metal post replacing a wooden post by a utility company. Shop frontage	11/23/2017 6:42 PM
28	1. Eliminate street clutter through improvements to bin storage and waste collection, rationalising overhead wires and signage. 2. Clear and detailed policy guidelines. 3. Rebranding/ reimagine as visitor destination.	11/23/2017 6:32 PM
29	Traffic Restriction on traffic, less charity shops. Holmfirth needs more trendy shops	11/23/2017 5:32 PM
30	Traffic improve the movement of traffic, reduce the number of heavy vehicles, sort out Kirklees's empty buildings esp the market hall	11/23/2017 9:56 AM
31	Don't know	11/22/2017 10:31 PM
32	Review of street furniture to minimise clutter Grants for window and door repairs and shop fronts Footway works to conservation standards	11/22/2017 8:26 PM
33	Shop fronts, removal of business refuse bins from roads and traffic reduction.	11/22/2017 5:36 PM
34	Traffic Traffic calming. Remove surplus road signs. More people living in centre.	11/22/2017 5:11 PM
35	Traffic Traffic flow, vacant and under use of buildings, create a higher profiel of listed buildings.	11/22/2017 4:55 PM
36	Traffic Traffic flows and restrictions Fewer charity shops More community use of buildings in/near centre	11/22/2017 4:44 PM
37	River frontage / vistas Better education about Holmfirth heritage More explicit innovation and looking ahead to the future :ie being able to see, buy and experience the skills that are hidden in this area eg: the cutlery factory inhabiting the old gas works in Hathersage; modern film makers in Bamforths	11/22/2017 4:37 PM
38	The three most instant improvements could be the removal of all extraneous signs public and private. The removal of flags if not put up for a celebration and the improvement to the pavements which are generally crumbling and uneven tarmac and too narrow in places.	11/22/2017 4:03 PM
39	Traffic Reduce heavy traffic Reduce signage on shops and pavements and encourage it to be less garish Preserve the oldest buildings that still look old !	11/22/2017 3:58 PM
40	Traffic Reducing traffic through centre, keeping bins emptied, streets cleaned and planting maintained	11/22/2017 3:10 PM
41	To try and enhance the appearance of the river and surroundings.	11/22/2017 3:08 PM
42	Traffic Find a way to reduce traffic. Control design and appearance of shops, signs & street furniture. Repave streets with appropriate materials.	11/22/2017 3:02 PM
43	Shop fronts to be in character of Holmfirth, Improve Traffic flow and Improve pavements	11/22/2017 2:53 PM
44	Holmfirth Police Station to be sold. Don't allow major building works on that river bank meadow behind. What about extending Sands over there?	11/22/2017 2:28 PM
45	Traffic Easement of traffic flows Encouragement for local shops and traders Clearing up the river	11/22/2017 1:23 PM
46	The river around the bus station and Hollowgate. The shop fronts. The refuse bins in the centre	11/22/2017 12:54 PM
47	Traffic DEVIATION OF TRAQFFIC ESPECIALLY LARGE VEHICLES FROM THE CENTRE OF HOLMFIRTH	11/22/2017 12:31 PM
48	Removal of all unnecessary signs and upkeep of the streets/paths an frontage	11/22/2017 12:03 PM

49	Control over shop frontage and signage. Preservation of historical buildings.	11/22/2017 7:47 AM
50	Old buildings enhanced & preserved. Make more of River. Less posters advertising obscuring shop fronts.	11/21/2017 6:25 PM
51	No visible wheelie bins. No neon type signage for businesses. Upgrade the market hall to attract more quality stalls.	11/21/2017 4:25 PM
52	Restrict new housing developments and retail, invest in centre of town, control traffic	11/21/2017 2:13 PM
53	Traffic Try to reduce the amount of traffic. Restore the older buildings to original condition	11/21/2017 10:43 AM
54	Traffic Road infrastructure improved Better parking for the Town centre Small independent retailers	11/21/2017 10:20 AM
55	maintainance of existing buildings in the town centre. better standard of new build homes lower shop rents to attract more than charity shops	11/20/2017 6:00 PM
56	Get rid of a lot of signage (traffic signs etc) and require shop signage to be 'tasteful' - some matching in of signage on the main streets would be great - no neon, some sort of colourway(s), size of signs, public noticeboards to be kept tidy (people putting new posters up take down the old ones etc (their own and those of other agencies which are out of date. River to be kept clean, clear and accessible to public in parts - annual clean ups. Most important change that could be made to the centre is still the removal of the Lodges building.	11/20/2017 1:57 PM
57	Traffic Pavements Traffic flow Litter removal	11/20/2017 12:54 PM
58	Uniformed lighting and pavements and shopfronts not broken and flaking, but keeping their individualality. Maybe 1 more big event with stalls etc other than folk and food fesitival	11/20/2017 12:13 PM
59	Traffic Traffic, traffic and traffic	11/20/2017 8:55 AM
30	A large Carpark on the outskirts. Improved flow of traffic through the centre, continue what Holmepride are doing	11/19/2017 7:10 PM
61	Try and get the businesses to sign up for discussions on how to "fit in". New builds to fit in. Roads	11/19/2017 4:21 PM
62	Holmepride are doing a great job in tidying up the place, simple things can make a difference as we have seen, more of that type of things. Businesses can do more to unify the area - the Yorkshire flags which were put up looked great for example. Any neglected buildings could do with being used and repaired etc.	11/19/2017 2:18 PM
63	Riverside improved, all the weeds removed and the area by the picturedrome widened. Finish all the incomplete building work. Improve long stay parking in the edge of the town.	11/19/2017 1:42 PM
64	Traffic - Providing better parking for residents and visitors, especially that does not rely on having cash money available - Making sure that shops are not empty -Setting up a local currency	11/19/2017 1:31 PM
35	Traffic Better traffic light system, this one is a disgrace, Signage for visitors. Parking improved.	11/19/2017 6:31 AM
6	Not sure	11/18/2017 10:16 AM
7	land/buildings near the river old building on Norridge Bottom	11/17/2017 5:40 PM
88	Stop the building of houses, especially low cost homes. Encourage unique interesting shops. Less tacky and gaudy signage.	11/17/2017 4:34 PM
69	Traffic Sort out traffic flow More uniformity of lighting poles and signage poles Shops with signage clutter agree to de-clutter Contractors are made aware of the do's and dont's on building renovations or new build.	11/17/2017 4:32 PM
70	Traffic 1. Reducing through traffic 2. Restoration of neglected areas eg. Victoria Park 3. Reuse of empty buildings - market hall, former Tourist Information centre, technical college	11/17/2017 3:59 PM
71	Traffic Control over advertising Alleviation of traffic congestion, large vehicles and on road parking affecting traffic flow	11/17/2017 3:05 PM
72	Repair and restoration of crumbling walls. Flatten the market hall and replace with something more in keeping. Repairs to some appalling road surfaces	11/17/2017 6:18 AM
73	Traffic Better management of through traffic especially long-haul, probably a major scheme looking at much wider routes. Park and Ride for visitors Develop the riverside as a local amenity Ban those dreadful, three-storey reconstituted-stone houses currently taking over the valley	11/16/2017 4:01 PM
'4	Traffic improve traffic flow, rearrange centre so we don't have a car park as the main focus (re-site sorting office?), get rid of sycamores in centre by river	11/16/2017 1:52 PM

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Removal of unnecessary street furniture, removal of on street parking spaces, radical traffic 11/15/2017 10:51 PM management scheme.



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES		
Under 25	2.54%	3	
25-60	40.68%	48	
Over 60	56.78%	67	
TOTAL		118	