

## Comments made by the community at Consultation Event, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### 25 attendees.

#### THEME 1: HOUSING

- The sequential test has not been applied in any case of development in Mirfield.
- No exceptions test carried out at Sheep Ings contrary to NPPF
- Use brown -field sites not Green Belt or flood plans
- Mirfield now has a surfeit of properties for the over 55s in the town centre. Any new residential developments should include starter homes/affordable first time buyer opportunities.
- 2 storey houses in keeping with Victorian town centre.
- Stop building on flood plans.
- Builders should be made to include schools and health centres in their plans.
- Stop overloading current roads.

#### THEME 2: HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND SAFETY

- Don't know how GPs, dentists or schools will cope if the number of houses proposed are built. Mirfield residents health will not be looked after.
- Walking/running track – dry hard surface.
- We need trees not houses to soak up rain – climate change.
- Allotments. Lowlands Road site needs protecting as is valuable green corridor for wildlife.
- Local green spaces – add Easthorpe Gardens.
- Health of local people will be affected by losing green spaces and too much traffic affects air quality, especially near school

#### THEME 3: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

- Not sure that there will be any green space left in the area.
- 100% support for EV points in Mirfield. They will be essential in 10 years – 3 already located in town centre.
- Agree with PROW and traffic points.
- We need traffic calming on Steanard Lane, Granny Lane.
- Safe pedestrian access. Very dangerous due to traffic on Steanard Lane/Granny Lane.
- Parking at Railway Station needed.
- Very concerned as loss of Green Belt land. Also fear gridlocked roads due to riverside plan for Ravensthorpe/Lower Hopton.
- Services will be over whelmed.

#### **THEME 4: ENVIRONMENT**

- Where is the historic core?
- Design statement – has lots of ideas to use.
- Mirfield needs an upstream flood prevention device just like Dewsbury has between Brighouse and Lower Hopton
- Tree Planting Charter – for every tree KMC remove a replacement must be planted
- Listed historic assets – shouldn't the current library be listed; also the frontage of Tesco Express (former Black Bull), W.Yorkshire Print Workshop (former primary school).
- Mirfield Promenade?

#### **THEME 5: EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMY**

- Regeneration of the High Street
- Are there specific sites that could be developed?
- Strongly agree with all these policy statement.