

Section 4: Sub Area Policies

4.3 Wharfedale



Sub Area Policy WD1: Wharfedale

A. Strategic Pattern of Development

In accordance with Policies H03 and EC3, Wharfedale will accommodate 2,500 dwellings and at least 5 Ha of new employment land in the period up to 2030. The Council will work closely with partner organisations to ensure that this development is sensitively managed to create vibrant and sustainable communities.

The broad distribution of housing development is shown as follows:

	Number of residential units
Ilkley	1000
Burley In Wharfedale	700
Menston	600
Addingham	200

Affordable housing requirements are set out in Policy HO11

Within the Principal Town of Ilkley, the Local Growth Centres of Burley in Wharfedale and Menston and the Local Service Centre of Addingham, there are opportunities for development through infill whilst retaining the character of these places.

B. Development including new housing provision will be focused as follows:

Ilkley will see the creation of 1,000 new homes focused on urban redevelopment opportunities together with a significant contribution from green belt changes in sustainable locations. Provision will be made for associated community facilities, in particular new schools as required and provision of recreation and open space to address current deficiencies.

Addingham will see the creation of 200 new homes and associated community facilities.

Burley in Wharfedale will see the creation of 700 new homes through redevelopment of sites within the settlement and with a significant contribution from green belt changes, together with associated community facilities.

Menston will see the creation of 600 new homes based on existing permissions and other opportunities within the settlement boundary and from some local green belt changes together with associated community facilities.

C. Economic Development

1. Ilkley will have an important role as the Principal Town in Wharfedale with cultural, retail, tourism and leisure functions.
2. Support the role of Ilkley Town Centre as a location for a mix of retail, leisure and office development, on an appropriate scale, benefiting from excellent rail and road connectivity.



3. Support the centres of Burley In Wharfedale, Addingham and Menston for limited retail and leisure development to meet day to day needs and benefit from excellent road and/or rail links.
4. The creation of high quality employment land at Ilkley.
5. Support initiatives for the sustainability and diversification of agricultural and rural enterprise and for the extension of high speed broadband to rural communities.

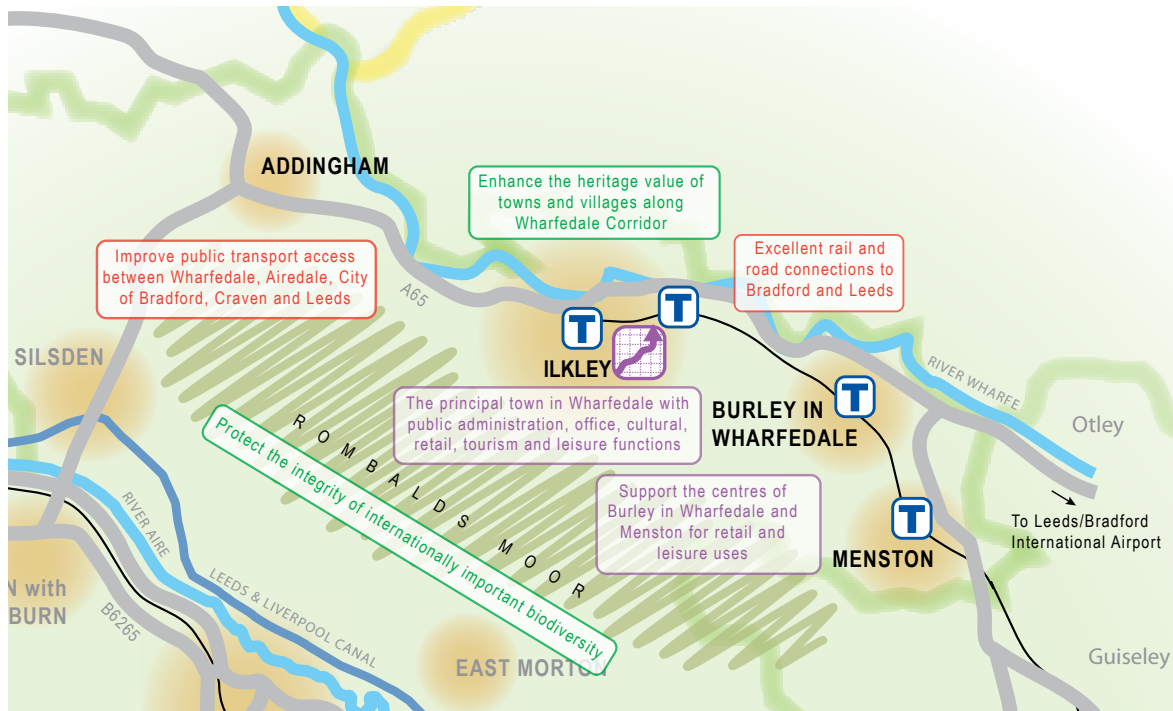
D. Environment

1. Recognise the importance of cultural associations, ecological significance, archaeological interest (as the setting of pre-historic remains) and landscape character of Rombald's Ridge and its contribution towards the setting and visitor appeal of Ilkley.
2. Protect and enhance the integrity and mosaic of moorland habitats of Ilkley Moor and Rombalds Moor, areas of importance to the North Pennines SPA/ SAC and views from Rombald's ridge towards the Yorkshire Dales.
3. For the protection of the South Pennine Moors SPA, avoid and/or mitigate loss or deterioration of important foraging land within the SPA's zone of influence, and mitigate the impact of increasing visitor numbers.
4. Protect and enhance the role of the River Wharfe, as a key green infrastructure corridor and the ecosystem services it provides in relation to biodiversity, water quality, flood risk reduction, formal and informal recreation and connection to national assets beyond the District boundary.
5. Recognise the importance of field patterns, tree cover and the wider context of moorland, river and woodland in providing habitats for a diverse range of species and contributing towards Wharfedale's distinctive character and its role as a gateway to the wider countryside.
6. Conserve and enhance the designated and undesignated heritage assets of the Wharfe Valley especially those elements which make a significant contribution to the distinct character of this area including the distinctive Victorian and Edwardian heritage of Ilkley and the prehistoric landscapes and rock art of Rombald's Moor.

E. Transport

1. Ensure that strategic patterns of development maximise the opportunities to use non car modes of transport and reduce the overall need to travel.
2. Improve sustainable transport opportunities within and between Ilkley and settlements in Wharfedale, including rail station, cycleway and public rights of way improvements.
3. Implement stronger demand management in Wharfedale as the economy recovers.
4. Improve public transport access between Wharfedale, Airedale and the Regional Cities of Bradford and Leeds, as well as Craven.
5. Improve surface access and public transport access to Leeds Bradford International Airport by encouraging more direct public transport connections from Ilkley.





Figure WD1 Spatial Vision Diagram – Wharfedale by 2030



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Key

Wharfedale Policy WD1

-  WD1C Economic Development
-  WD1D Environment
-  WD1E Transport
-  Trainline
-  River
-  Canal
-  Road
-  Existing train station

Outcomes by 2030

4.3.1

The following is the outcome envisaged at the end of the plan period (2030) following the implementation of policies, proposals and programmes outlined in this Core Strategy. It constitutes a high level description of how the area will look by 2030.

4.3.2

Ilkley is the principal town of Wharfedale with its public administrative, cultural, retail, tourism and leisure functions with excellent rail and bus connections with Bradford and Leeds. The town has gained a reputation in serving the needs of high quality businesses and providing jobs and a range of shops and services to meet the needs of residents and visitors alike. As well as economic growth, the town has also seen housing growth to meet the needs of local residents with high quality housing developments over the last 20 years which has reinforced Ilkley's position as one of the most desirable and sought after residential locations in the country whilst providing greater housing choice. A new secondary school for the town has provided excellent accommodation for the young people of the town together with additional areas of much needed open space and sports centre facilities for the use by local community. The popularity of Rombalds Moor for recreation has been sensitively managed whilst safeguarding the unique biodiversity value of the Moor which is part of the South Pennine Moors Special Protection Area and the setting of pre-historic remains.



The Cow and Calf Rocks, Ilkley Moor

4.3.3

Within Wharfedale **Burley in Wharfedale** and **Menston** are both desirable locations and have both seen good quality housing developments supported by shops and community facilities. The two settlements have witnessed improvements to the environmental quality of the railway stations and continue to benefit from high quality, fast and frequent rail and bus services to Ilkley and the major city centres of Bradford and Leeds.



Main Street, Burley in Wharfedale



Main Street, Menston

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4.3.4

The village of **Addingham**, on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, has retained its character and sense of place whilst seeing a smaller scale of housing development and provision of local facilities. The village has also benefited from good bus connections to the principal town of Ilkley, the town of Silsden and neighbouring Skipton.



Addingham

Sub Area Policy WD2: Investment Priorities for Wharfedale

In order to deliver transformation and change in Wharfedale through economic development, housing growth, and improved green infrastructure, community facilities and accessibility, public and private sector investment will be targeted:

A. To improve public transport, particularly between Ilkley, Burley in Wharfedale and Menston, to enhance the ease of movement and improve access to jobs within the Wharfedale Corridor particularly for disadvantaged communities.

B. To invest in Ilkley town centre to deliver enhancements to the public realm, mixed use retail and leisure schemes on key brownfield sites and improvements to the railway station.

C. To provide infrastructure to support site assembly, manage flood risk, and improve access between Wharfedale to the Regional City of Bradford and Airedale.

D. To support improvements to the quality and capacity of public transport along Wharfedale to Craven, the Regional Cities of Bradford and Leeds.

E. Support a number of local green belt releases in sustainable locations to Ilkley, and Burley and through development site assembly, improvements to the quality and capacity of public transport including new road infrastructure and links along the Wharfedale corridor.

F. To support the development and extension of high speed broadband especially in rural and other less accessible areas.