

HO7 Housing Site Allocation Principles

As you will be aware from our submission, the Civic Society does not oppose these principles. We would even support them if they had been applied in Wharfedale. Some have no relevance to the valley and others are directly contradicted by the proposed development. There is no need to repeat our comments but let me use one of the criteria as an example.

E. Minimising the use of Green Belt within the Plan area.

That may, of course, be taken to mean the District as a whole, but the plan clearly recognises that there are sub-areas and it is surely reasonable to apply these principles at that level as well.

If we then consider the Wharfedale Sub area and the percentage of housing development proposed which is in the Green Belt. It is also important to note that this refers only to housing and not the other development proposals, many of which will also require Green Belt land, meaning that the total percentage of development on Green Belt land is likely to be greater.

Submission document housing in the Green Belt

Wharfedale	50%
Addingham	0%
Ilkley	60%
Burley	25%
Menston	0% if Bingley Road and Derry Hill are considered to have been removed previously

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Wharfedale	68%
Addingham	0%
Ilkley	67%
Burley	93%
Menston	29% if the assumption about Bingley Road and Derry Hill is retained.

This does not seem to be minimising the use of Green Belt.

We would therefore suggest that to make the plan sound the application of these principles to the sub areas should be reconsidered.

