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Comments from Silsden Town Council to the Core Strategy:

The Town Council welcome and support the changes made due to the habitat policies for the south Pennine Moors causing the reduction from 1700 houses to 1000 but feel that it does not go far enough.

From Pg 82 onwards we submit the following comments for consideration/action

#### Section B

- Talks about highways infrastructure but does not identify exactly what it is referring to.
- Where is this infrastructure coming from and who will be paying for it?
- Railway station – there is no mention of provision for any further parking spaces at the station yet though out the document it refers to Silsden's growing population.

#### Section C

- Creation of employment land at 'Silsden Rural Business Park'- where is this located?
- This council does not want to see any reduction in employment land or deletion of employment land through re classification.

#### Section D

- The council agrees the need to protect and enhance the integrity of the south Pennine Moors as it is valuable in its own right due to the fringe habitat.
- Need to ensure that any renewable energy scheme does not impact on points above the habitat boundaries.

#### Section E

- Discusses Bus and Rail interchange and developing pedestrian and cycle routes no account been taken of the high demand at the station for car users not any identification of how it would safely cross the by pass.

- No mention of where the investment is actually coming from for the pedestrian, cycle and canal rights of ways.
- How are the public transport links going to be approved – no details no evidence given. Silsden is not served well at present and we are seeing the steady decline of rural bus services and issues of capacity on the railway.

#### Pg 87 Outcome 2030

- Where is the evidence for investment in education.
- Greenbelt deletions are objected to and will be in direct conflict with the habitat study/policy and this is supported by Nick Bowles government statement regarding greenbelt deletions.
- No realistic proposal for future educational demands in fact education is totally missing from the 'planning for' sections.

The council also wish to resubmit comments made during the LDF process as it feels these are still very much applicable to this consultation, please see word doc attachment.

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Silsden Town Clerk