

1: Quality and Affordable Housing

- Good quality, environmentally friendly and affordable housing is essential to our vision that people should live in 'Quality and Affordable Housing in Kirkstall'
- There is considered to be an issue re the lack of 'affordable' housing but I'm not sure what can be done about it ?
- The range of housing stock in Kirkstall is wide and varies across the different localities within the Kirkstall Ward. It includes both modern (post war) and Edwardian / Victorian properties. The types of property include back-to-back terraces, modest semis, large semis and villas and new builds. There is a wide range of tenure types including: social housing (%?), owner occupied (%?), long term let and HMOs (%?).
- The HMOs are largely occupied by students or young professionals and are often in poor condition. We propose that best local and national guidance is adopted with regard to registering and licensing HMO landlords and foster a more responsive enforcement of HMO Regulations relating to noise and ASB.
- Whilst we realise there is a national and local shortage of housing but we will not support the provision of more purpose built (or adapted) accommodation i.e. HMOs as the area is already well supplied by this type of accommodation.

2: Quality design of new builds and spaces

- Most of the area is densely occupied, so there is little space for new development. We propose that all new buildings be of sustainable construction and be zero carbon, using the best possible building and environmental standards at the time of development.

- There is a need to improve much of the older existing housing stock and instigate a systematic strategy of energy efficiency improvement.
- There are problems with opportunist parking on pavements and roads in several areas. Where appropriate, we would like to encourage off road parking as part of wider streetscape improvements and also establish carefully selected 'residents only' parking schemes.