

Planning Committee

Wednesday 31 February 2019

Late Observations Schedule

Agenda Items

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5	<u>Kirkham Town Council Comments (on behalf of the community of Kirkham)</u>
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"I am writing on behalf of the Community of Kirkham to register Kirkham's interest in being the Fylde Town to be put forward for the Future High Streets Fund.

Kirkham has been developing a vision for the High Street since the Council carried out a public consultation in May 2017 from which the Enhancement Plan was developed and published in 2017.

A large part of the plan addresses the Economic vibrancy of the Town.

Kirkham has been trying to set up a meeting with Fylde Officers to rewrite the out of date Town Centre Plan and I believe Cllr. Oades has been flagging up the Fund with Officers since it was announced in the Budget on the 29th October.

We were only made aware on Thursday of last week that a decision would be made on which Town would be supported for the Fund this Wednesday at the Planning Committee meeting.

We have requested that Kirkham be given the opportunity to make representation at that meeting but the request was refused.

Kirkham has held numerous meetings with Kirkham Business Group, private investors, the Council and other stakeholders to gather ideas and develop a case for the Fund and although we were aware of the March deadline we were not aware that there would be a deadline of the 13th February.

As Kirkham Town Council has only one member of staff (as their precept is spent on parks, open spaces and keeping car parking free for all) a written proposal has not yet been completed but a great deal of consultation has taken place and we are ready to work with the Local Authority on a strong and compelling bid which will prove that Kirkham, which serves the whole of Rural Fylde, has the greatest need and the strongest plan to give Fylde the best outcomes if a bid was successful."