

Rastrick Neighbourhood Forum Plan.

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Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area.

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**01 Formal Application Letter to Chief Executive of Calderdale MBC
requesting designation of a Neighbourhood Area.**

Ms Merran McRae
Chief Executive
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council Town Hall
Halifax

30.01.17

Dear Ms McRae

*Town & Country Planning Act 1990 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation
2012*

We are writing to you to request the designation of a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61 of the above Act. This application is made by the prospective Rastrick Neighbourhood Forum Plan Committee, which is capable of being a qualifying body within the terms of Section 61.

The prospective Neighbourhood Forum Plan Committee is comprised of 21 or more people living, working or acting as elected members in the area. The membership is drawn from different places in the area and different sections of the community.

Appendix 1 to this document shows those people who have, as of this date, volunteered to be a member of the Neighbourhood Forum Committee. All of those who have volunteered to be on the committee either live or work in the defined area. The membership of the committee comprises people of a variety of ages and experience. They include both current employed, self-employed, unemployed and retired residents. There is a wide range of employment experience from teachers, business owners, property managers, receptionists, homemakers to media workers. All have in common an active interest in improving our local community.

Not included in Appendix 1 are the duly elected Ward Councillors who all have a seat on the committee in line with statutory requirements.

Our Committee members have been informed of the implications and requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan and have willingly accepted involvement. We feel that the commitment of our members and the diverse knowledge, experience and professionalism is comprehensive to engage with the requirements of the Calderdale Local Plan.

There is a written constitution for the Neighbourhood Forum's formation, Appendix 2.

Having considered the options for the Neighbourhood Area, we envisage the area indicated on the enclosed map to be designated.

This area is based on the current HD6 3 Rastrick area & Ward Boundaries and runs up to and including geographically part of the Elland Ward in the west, incorporating Woodhouse, land/businesses to the east and north bounded by the River Calder, Rastrick, Elland Upper & Lower Edge. Incorporating the boundary to the south with the Kirklees Metropolitan Borough & the M62 corridor. It contains within it several areas which are currently recognised by the local population as 'Rastrick Neighbourhood' areas.

We ask for formal recognition of our group as an organisation dedicated to sustain and improve the local Rastrick area and immediate neighbourhood within the remit of the Localism Act and to further the formation of the Calderdale Local Plan.

Yours faithfully

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03 The designated area for a Neighbourhood Plan & the group intent

The name of the group shall be the 'Rastrick Neighbourhood Forum' [the Forum].

It is in the interest of our community & local area to create a Neighbourhood Plan to sustain the quality of community and setting, to enhance the 'sense of place & provide a nearness to need' for Rastrick.

A Neighbourhood Plan group/forum can by working in consultation with interested parties including:

Calderdale Borough - Environmental Department and it's officers

Key civic bodies - schools, community and healthcare providers

Residents - homeowners, community groups, sports clubs, interest groups

Businesses - established employers and prospective inward investing companies

Environmental groups

Landowners - Residents, Agricultural, Development, civic and community groups

The area in which the Forum will pursue its objects is broadly the Rastrick HD6 3 postcode Neighbourhood Area, area & Ward Boundaries and runs up to and including the Elland Ward Boundary in the west, incorporating Woodhouse, land/businesses to the east and north bounded by the River Calder, Rastrick, Elland Upper & Lower Edge. Incorporating the borough boundary south parallel with the M62 corridor with the Kirklees Metropolitan Borough, this is the greater area to be designated by Calderdale Council for which the Forum will produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

The purpose of the Rastrick Neighbourhood Forum is:

To prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the HD6 3 Rastrick area as defined by the Localism Act 2011

To promote or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Rastrick area

Any other benefit for the community to improve the amenity of Rastrick by appropriate purpose agreed by the Forum within the remit of Localism Act 2011

This also will include taking the National Planning Framework into consideration.

The Forum will:

‘Propose to foster, promote and seek to achieve all new development under the Local Plan in a sustainable manner, to meet new commercial, community and housing needs embodied within the Local Plan.

The Forum will endeavour to fulfil all civic responsibilities while ensuring new development will provide for current need and future generations. This is to provide for a viable economic future and promote a socially inclusive community.

All development will respect and protect the outstanding quality of our landscape, open space, rural and urban areas, the proposal is to enhance the valued heritage of the area.

The essential aims of the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be as follows:

Spatial and Development Principles

1. To ensure that the area continues to be a vibrant, pleasant, sustainable and safe place in which to live, with facilities that meet the needs and aspirations of the people who live and work there.
2. To assess and respond to the spatial issues and opportunities of the whole Neighbourhood Plan area.
3. To encourage the sequential use of Brownfield sites before Greenfield and Green Belt sites.
4. To continue to promote sustainable access with a transport framework to/from and within the area.
5. To address the growing traffic congestion problems within the area by providing a transport framework to assess locally the impact of the M62 corridor and all potential new transport links locally, with regard to new infra structure and development.

Economic - the Forum seeks:

1. To ensure that the area maintains the ability to support local commercial & rural business needs and requirements.

Social - the Forum seeks:

1. Ensuring housing meets the needs of all sections of the community. To build high quality environmentally responsible accommodation within easy walking distance and access to services, including schools, medical centres & civic facilities, shops, business and local transport. Endeavouring to serve the local community, not the wider region of West Yorkshire.

2. To ensure that affordable housing is built fit for purpose, addressing local needs.
3. To ensure that all development, as identified in the Local Plan, is provided in the right location, preserving open space, local character and quality of design, materials and context and in sympathy with the area's rural aspect and heritage.
4. To ensure that the infrastructure is developed to meet the needs of the community, supporting the civic requirements of residents within the educational, health, leisure, and heritage sectors and to encourage and identify opportunities for development to sustain the local area of Rastrick for future generations - the Forum is to support development and growth to improve the local area within the remit of the Local Plan.

Environmental - the Forum seeks:

1. To maintain and protect the natural environment as well as the availability of open green spaces, public access whilst preserving and improving the character and quality of Rastrick.
2. To seek and encourage development which is sustainable, fosters environmental respect, develops exemplary solutions to new developments that improve the environment
3. To protect and enhance the heritage & historic environment, buildings and settings - to support the use of conservation legislation to protect the existing built and landscape environment.

04 The membership and focus of the Forum

Effective Process - the Forum seek:

1. To maintain a continuing dialogue between the Residents Associations, the community, key local community & business partners, local organisations, construction/developers and the local Planning Authority.
2. The Neighbourhood Plan should respond to and meet the future aspirations of all the community.
- 4: Statement of why this group is capable of being a 'qualifying body' for the purpose of a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Section 61G ss2a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, (as amended by the localism Act 2012) states that a qualifying body must ensure:-

"It is established for the express purpose of prompting or improving the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of an area that consists of or includes the neighbourhood area concerned."

"That the membership of the group must be open to; individuals who live in the neighbourhood; individuals who work there and elected members of the Calderdale MBC whose Ward falls within the area."

"Must include a minimum of 21 individuals each of whom either: live in the area, works there or is an elected member of the Calderdale MBC whose Ward falls within the area."

"The group must have a written constitution." Our constitution can be found in Appendix 2.

This Forum group is formed by a group of individuals who wish to improve their area and make it a sustainable place to live, we have local experience, members who have lived in family groups locally for generations, developing a wealth of local knowledge. We also include professionals with professional civic, development and planning backgrounds.

All of those who have volunteered to be part of the Forum, either live or work in the defined area. The membership of the committee comprises of people from a variety of ages and experience. They include employed, self-employed, unemployed and retired residents.

A full membership list is at Appendix 1. Not included in this membership list are the Elland & Rastrick Ward councillors who have all been invited to be de facto members of the committee. While this list shows current membership it does not preclude others from joining at a later date.