

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Development Plan Area

Hebden Royd and the Hill Top Parishes Neighbourhood Development Plan

A joint application from:

Blackshaw Parish Council
Erringden Parish Council
Hebden Royd Town Council
Heptonstall Parish Council
Wadsworth Parish Council

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3. A Statement that the organisation making the application is a relevant/and or qualifying body for the purpose of 61G of the 1990 Act as delineated by the Localism Act of 2012

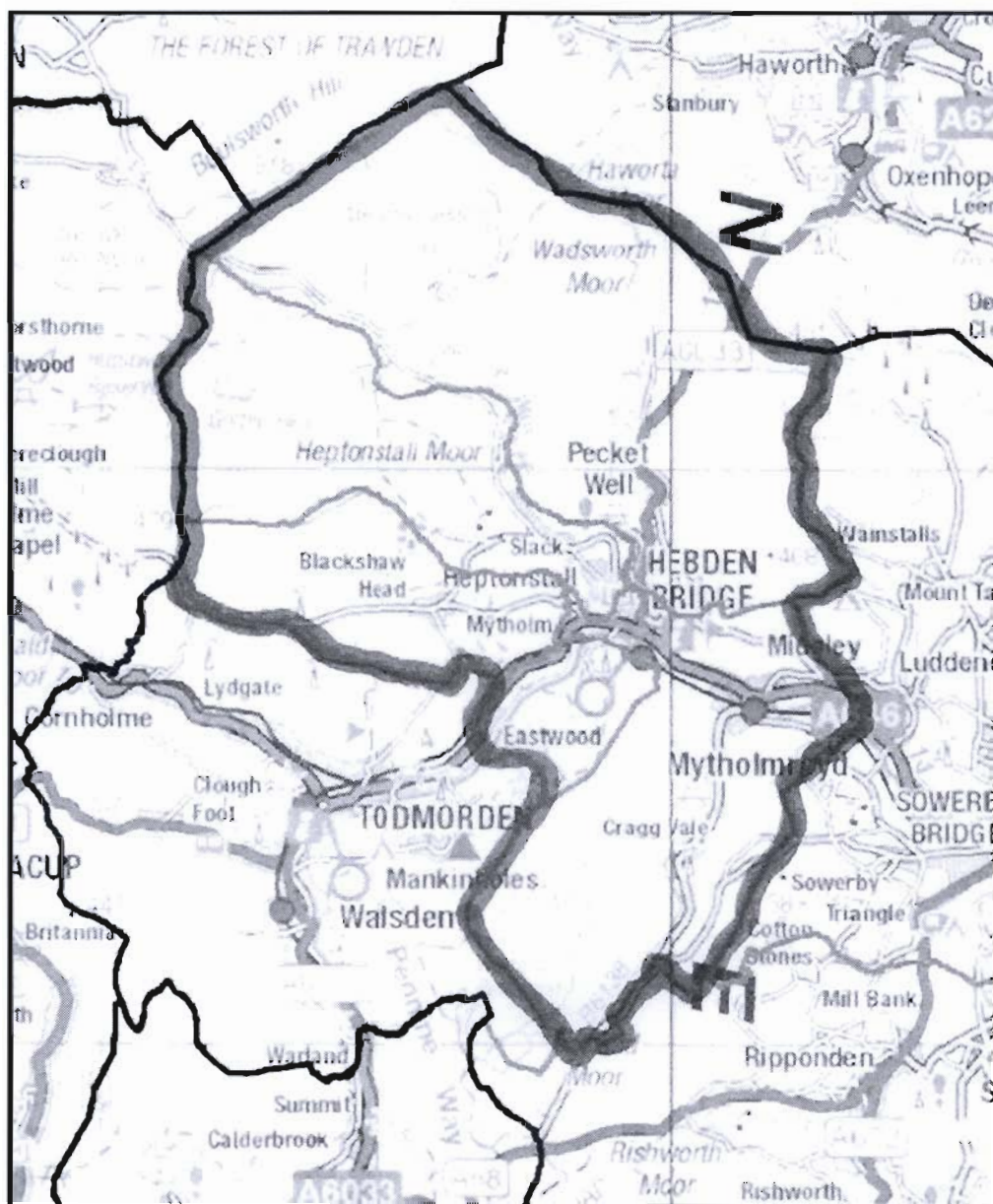
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1. Neighbourhood Area Designation.

The proposed Neighbourhood Area Designation is inclusive of the area within the boundaries of:

Blackshaw Parish Council
Erringden Parish Council
Hebden Royd Town Council
Heptonstall Parish Council
Wadsworth Parish Council

The proposed area is outlined in red.



2. Statement of why this land should be designated.

It is the intention of the Town Council and the four Parish Councils to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan, working in consultation with key stakeholders including but not limited to the district council, other key public bodies, residents, businesses, community and environmental organisations, agriculture and rural interests, and those interested in development.

This will ensure that taking National Planning Policy Framework in to consideration, the area will undertake and achieve development in a genuinely sustainable manner: meet its housing need and responsibilities in the right location, provide for a viable economic future, responds to the need to tackle climate change and flood risk, and promote a socially inclusive community whilst at the same time care for the outstanding natural beauty of the landscape, the valued heritage of the area, and an already delineated conservation area in Hebden Bridge and Heptonstall.

The committee recognise the need to balance growth and development within the housing and business sectors against the sensitivity of the existing environment, its relationship to the landscape and culture and the present and future challenges of climate change.

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Spatial and Development Principles

- To ensure that the Parish of Hebden Royd Town Council, and those of Blackshaw, Erringden Heptonstall and Wadsworth, continue 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 here.
- To assess and respond to the spatial issues and opportunities of the whole Neighbourhood Plan area.
- To encourage the sequential use of brownfield sites before greenfield and green belt sites
- To promote sustainable access and transport to the area, and between Hebden Bridge and the Hill Top Parishes, and investment in transport facilities and urban infrastructure.

Economic

- To ensure that the designated area maintains a flourishing retail, artistic, commercial, manufacturing, visitor market and agricultural sectors which will be competitive in a low carbon future.

- To maximise the area's employment potential within the character of the designated area by the provision of land as well as office, retail, wholesale and industrial space in the most appropriate location.

Social

- Ensuring housing meets the needs of all sections of the community with particular emphasis on ensuring young people can move or stay in the area if they wish and that older residents can exercise their right to independence in their homes for longer.
- To ensure that the housing development, as identified in the Local Plan, is provided in the right location, in the right mix and density, and in sympathy with the area's rural aspect and heritage.
- To facilitate the requirements of residents within the educational, health, leisure, heritage and sporting sectors; and to encourage and identify opportunities for development.

Environmental

- To promote measures which will mitigate and adapt to climate change, encourage renewable energy in appropriate locations, and reduce flood risk, and fuel poverty.
- To ensure that developments reduce flood risk and measures to increase flooding resilience also benefit the wider environment.
- To maintain and protect the natural environment as well as the availability of green spaces
- To respect the areas character, natural and heritage environment and existing townscape

Effective Process

To maintain a continuing dialogue between all the participating Councils, the community as a whole, and key partners, local organisations, developers, individuals and the local planning authority to ensure that eventual Neighbourhood Plan responds and meets their aspirations, and that developing/adopted Local Plan criteria are met within the Neighbourhood Development Plan and throughout its life.

And any other aim arising from the consultation that will benefit the area.

3. Statement of why this group is capable of being a 'qualifying body' for the purpose of a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

As per section 61G S2a of the 1990 Town and County Planning Act as amended by the Localism Act 2012, which states a Parish Council as a qualifying body; Hebden Royd Town Council, Blackshaw, Erringden, Heptonstall and Wadsworth Parish Councils, are together a suitable 'qualifying body' for the purposes of developing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.