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Dear Chris,

Application to Be Designated a Neighbourhood Area – March 2024

Introduction

Localism Act 2011 (Schedule 9) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 61G Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

High Melton Parish Council is a "relevant body" and hereby formally submits an application to City of Doncaster Council as the Local Planning Authority for the whole of the parish of High Melton to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area pursuant to preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Background

On 14 March 2024 at a meeting of the full council, High Melton Parish Council resolved to establish a Neighbourhood Planning Working Group consisting of Parish Councillors, Representatives from community organisations and parish residents to lead on the formulation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (Minute 3, 4 and 5 of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of 14 March 2024).

At a meeting of the full council held on 14 March 2024, High Melton Parish Council resolved to submit an application to City of Doncaster Council, the Local Planning Authority, under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Minute 16.2 of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of 21 June 2023)

By this letter High Melton Parish Council formally submits an application under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The designation of the Neighbourhood Area is seen as the first formal step in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires the following documents to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority as part of the submission:-

1. A map which identifies the area to which the application applies;
2. A statement explaining why the area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, and
3. A statement that the organisation or body making the application is a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

Neighbourhood Area Map

A map is attached which shows the whole of the parish of High Melton which is the area to which this application applies.

Justification for Designation

The proposed area covers the whole of the administrative boundary of High Melton Parish Council. There are no known overlaps with other relevant bodies promoting

Neighbourhood Areas.

High Melton Parish Council wishes to give local people more say in the future planning of the area and for future planning to reflect the needs and priorities of local people. In particular the Parish Council wishes to:

- Support the strategic needs of the local plan
- Protect, manage and enhance the quality of the rural landscape especially the green belt and to consider the protections that may be required for valued green spaces, and
- Enhance the quality of life for parish residents

The Neighbourhood Development Plan will aim to look at some, or all of the following

1. Housing

In particular to consider developing a clear vision for the housing type and mix as well as the sustainable design of new homes and public spaces. This may include considering the green credentials of future developments, the aesthetics and fit with the surroundings and development of a Design Guide.

2. Infrastructure including safe transportation throughout the Parish

3. The Village Centre, Economy, Business and Retail

In particular to consider the growing trend towards home working as well as the growing popularity of electric cars and the possible need for electric charging points.

4. Culture and Heritage

In particular to consider buildings and artefacts of historic interest.

5. Landscape, Green Spaces, Environment and Woodlands

6. Community Assets and Infrastructure

To consider protecting and enhancing the existing facilities and possibly investigating the need to provide enhanced sports and recreational facilities.

Statement in Relation to the Relevant Body

This application for designating a Neighbourhood Area is submitted by High Melton Parish Council which is considered as a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above the proposed Neighbourhood Area depicted on the attached map and which covers the whole of the parish of High Melton is considered to be appropriate and justified.

Under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 High Melton Parish Council is considered to be a “relevant body” for the purposes of this application.

High Melton Parish Council therefore respectfully requests Doncaster City Council Metropolitan Borough Council to process this application in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

If you require any further information, please contact me.

Yours truly

Paul Rollinson
Parish Clerk
High Melton Parish Council