

# BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Mr Marshall

## **DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA**

Please find attached an application for designated status by Bingley Town Council for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Enclosed are:

1. Statement to confirm status as a qualifying body
2. Map showing the area for a proposed Neighbourhood Plan
3. Statement explaining why the area is appropriate and what the plan will address

Please contact me if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely

*Ruth Batterley*

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## **2 Statement explaining why the area confined within Bingley Town (Parish) Boundaries is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area**

Bingley Town Council operates within the confines of the Bingley Town (Parish) Boundaries shown on the preceding page.

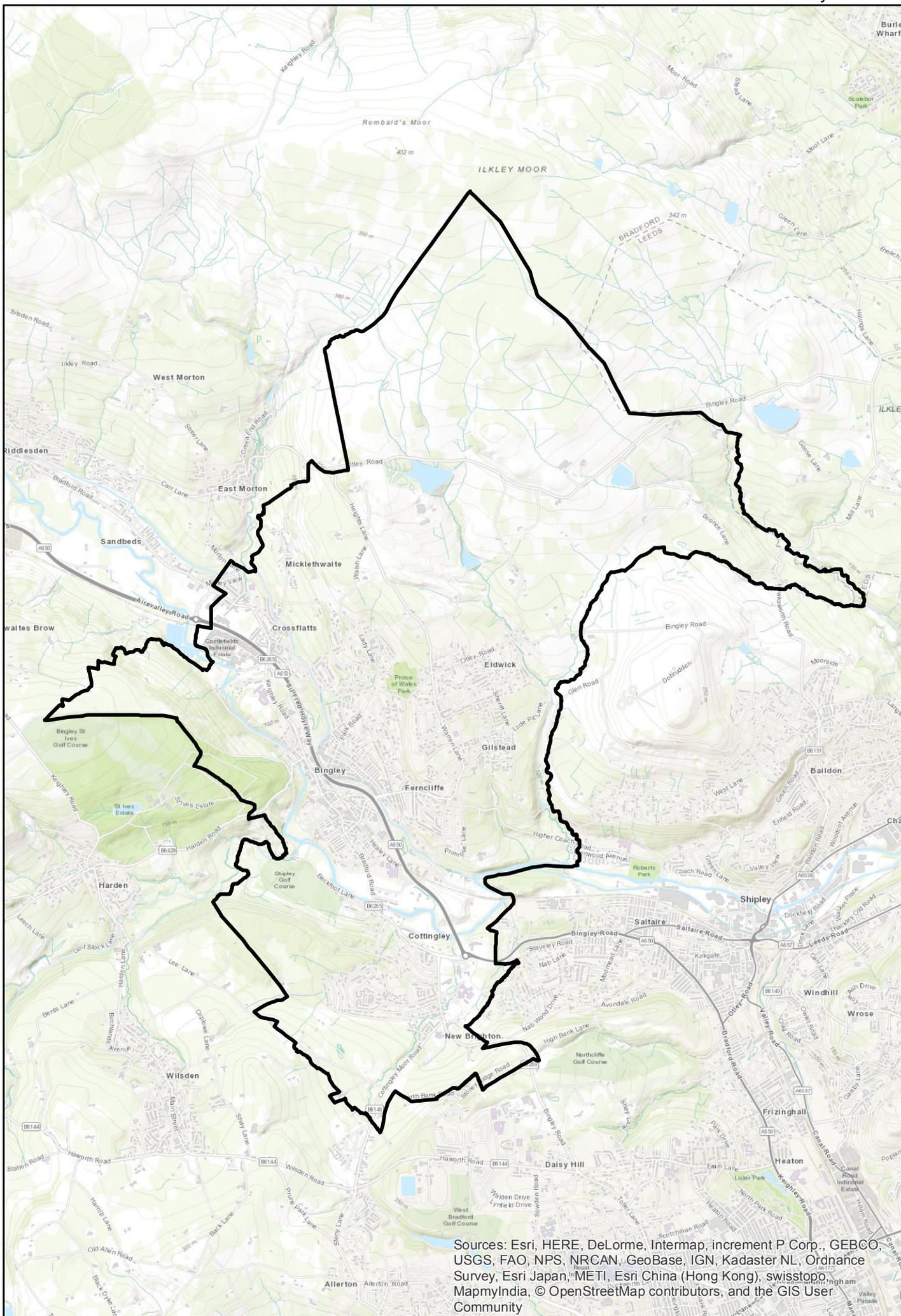
The area illustrated on the preceding page, is considered as being appropriate to be designated as The Bingley Neighbourhood Area, since Bingley Town Council already administers it.

A priority of Bingley Town Council is to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan, based on consultation with key local interest groups and residents. Secondly to generate research and evidence, which will ensure, through Planning Guidance that Bingley Town Council will develop in such a manner as to protect the area's heritage, maintain its attractiveness, provide housing needs and build for a viable economic future.

Bingley Town Council recognises the need for some development but improvements in the infrastructure need to be commensurate with the planned additional housing within the Parish

In applying for designated area status, the essential aims of any resultant neighbourhood plan will be to

- 1) Preserve the character of Bingley and its Parish as an attractive semi-rural area retaining a distinctive community and cherishing the natural and built environment
- 2) Meet the defined housing needs commensurate with the Local Development Plan and character of the designated area, whilst maintaining good shopping, recreation and cultural facilities integrating well with neighbouring communities
- 3) Enhance employment opportunities for its residents – now and in the future
- 4) Ensure a flourishing commercial, retail business and economic environment
- 5) Meet the needs of all residents in the areas of education , health, leisure, recreation, sport and transport including cycleway and footpaths
- 6) Maintain and protect the natural environment and availability of green spaces within the designated Bingley Town Boundaries
- 7) Maintain ongoing dialogue with local organisations, developers, individuals, neighbouring communities and the LPA to ensure the local development Plan criteria are met.
- 8) Ensure that Bingley and its Parish are a good place to live with facilities for young and old alike
- 9) Maintain a successful marketing and tourism profile for the designated area in line with the policy aspirations of the LDF.
- 10) Include policies which recognise the particular status parts of Bingley Town Council's area



Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, MapmyIndia, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

3 Statement – demonstrating that the organisation making the area application is a relevant and/or qualifying body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN “QUALIFYING BODY” STATEMENT**

Bingley Town Council, the organisation applying for designated area status for the purpose of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Bingley, is adjudged to be the “Relevant/Qualifying Body” (specified in the 2004 Act part 2, section 5 (1) c) in making application for the area delineated by the parish boundaries of Bingley (map attached) under the following criteria:-

*VIZ: “A parish council, or an organisation or body designated as a neighbourhood forum, authorised for the purposes of a neighbourhood development order to act in relation to a neighbourhood area as a result of the 2004 Act section 61E and F”*

The relevance of the sitting Parish Council is also attested by the following:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/paragraph/7> section 38A (12) para 4

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9> section 61G (2)

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