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Dear Andrew

Designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area

Please find attached an application for designated area status by Burley Parish Council for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Enclosed are:

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

If you require any additional information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1



Statement to confirm status as a qualifying body

Burley Parish Council is a qualifying or relevant body to apply for designated area status under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 Schedule 9 Neighbourhood Planning section 61G, paragraph (2)A.

(2)A "relevant body" means—
(a)a parish council, or
(b)an organisation or body which is, or is ca

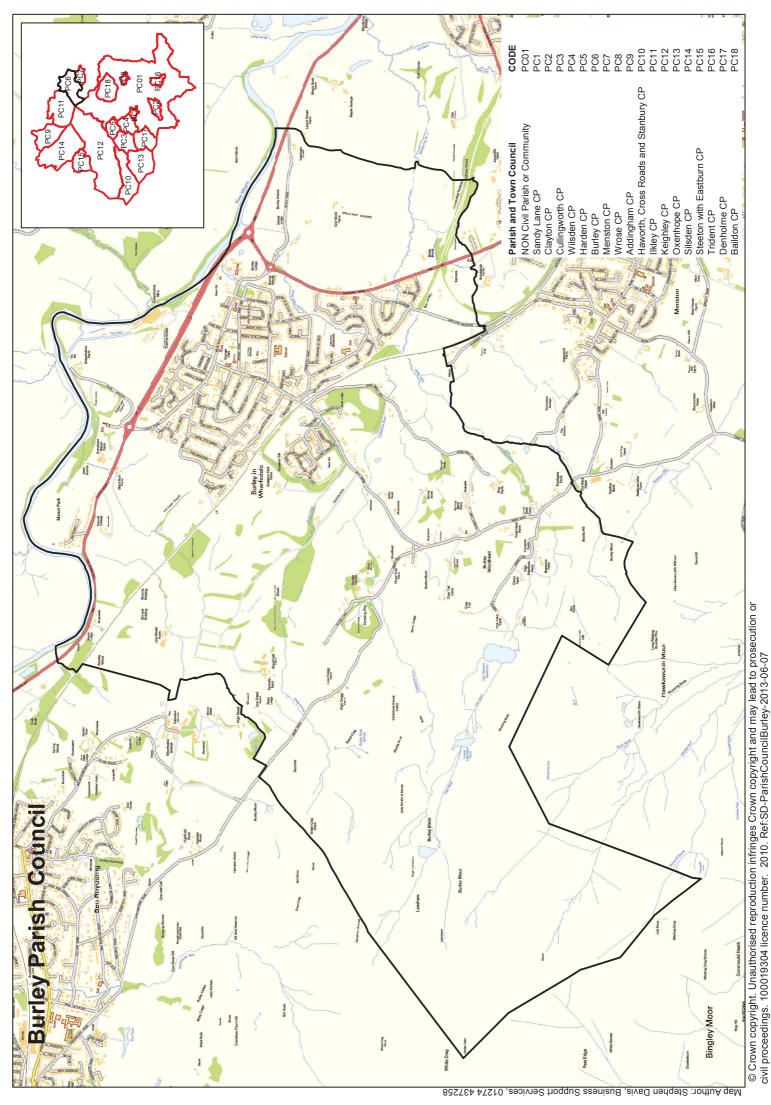
(b)an organisation or body which is, or is capable of being, designated as a neighbourhood forum (on the assumption that, for this purpose, the specified area is designated as a neighbourhood area).

Appendix 2



Map showing area for proposed neighbourhood plan

The attached map shows the Burley Parish boundary and is taken from an Ordnance Survey map supplied by Bradford Council.



Appendix 3



Statement explaining why the area is appropriate and what the plan will address

Burley Parish Council operates within the confines of the Burley Parish Boundaries shown on Appendix 2. The area is considered as being appropriate to be designated as 'The Burley Parish Neighbourhood Area' as it is already administered by Burley Parish Council.

The chief aim of Burley Parish Council is to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan based on consultation with key local interest groups, residents and neighbouring parishes to generate evidence which will ensure that the parish develops whilst protecting the area's heritage, maintaining its attractiveness, providing for housing need and building for a viable economic future.

Burley Parish Council recognises the need for some development but improvements in infrastructure need to be commensurate with the additional housing in the Wharfe Valley.

In applying for designated area status, the essential aim of any resultant Neighbourhood Plan will be to:-

- 1) preserve the character of Burley and its parish as an attractive rural area retaining a distinct community protecting and cherishing the natural and built environment;
- meet 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 footpaths and cycleways;
- 6) maintain and protect the natural environment and availability of green spaces and green belt within the designated parish boundaries;
- 7) maintain on-going dialogue with local organisations, developers, individuals, neighbouring communities and the LPA to ensure that the Local Development Plan criteria are met.