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Dear Mr Marshall



- 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 please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Angela Holmes

Clerk to the Village Council



Appendix 1

STATEMENT TO CONFIRM STATUS AS A QUALIFYING BODY

Cullingworth Village 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 capable of being, designated as a neighbourhood forum (on the assumption that, for this purpose, the specified area is a designated as a neighbourhood area.)



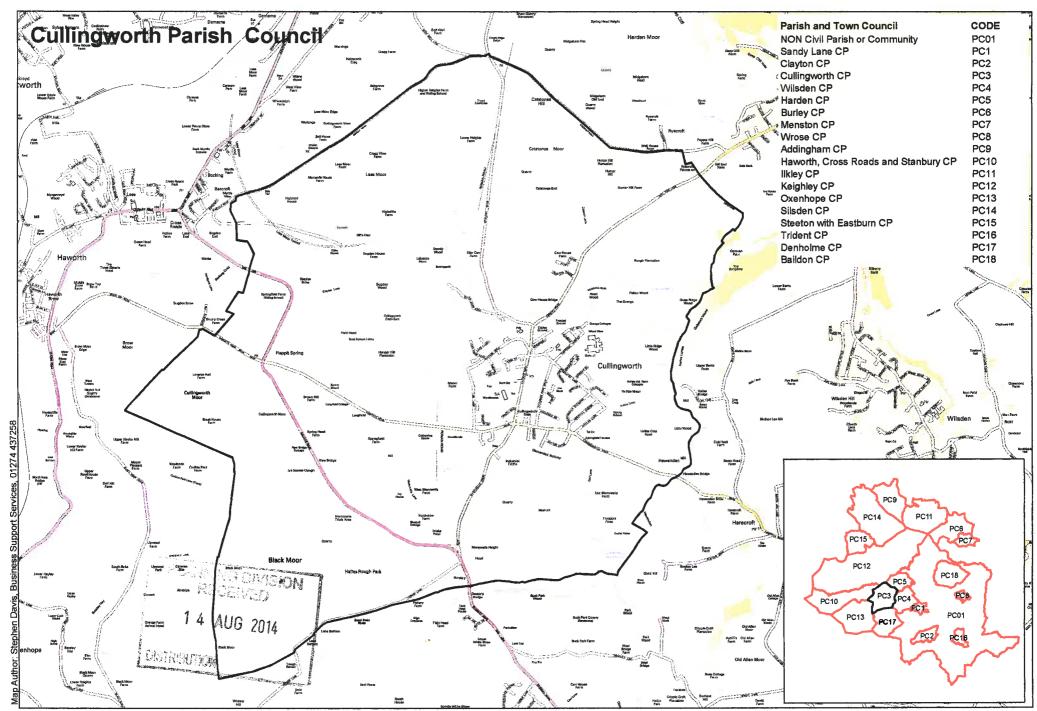


Appendix 2

MAP SHOWING AREA FOR PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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





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Appendix 3

STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE AREA IS APPROPRIATE AND WHAT THE PLAN WILL ADDRESS

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

The chief aim of Cullingworth Village Council is to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan in 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 needs and building for a viable economic future.

Culllingworth Village Council recognises the need for some development but improvements in infrastructure need to be commensurate with the additional housing in the Aire Valley.

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

- 1) Preserve the character of Cullingworth and its parish as an attractive rural area retaining a district community protecting and cherishing the natural and built environment.
- 2) 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.

