

## Harden Parish Council



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Dear Emma,

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA DESIGNATION**

Please find attached application for designation of a neighbourhood area by Harden Parish Council.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Eastwood". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ken Eastwood  
Harden Parish Council Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer



## **Harden Parish Council**

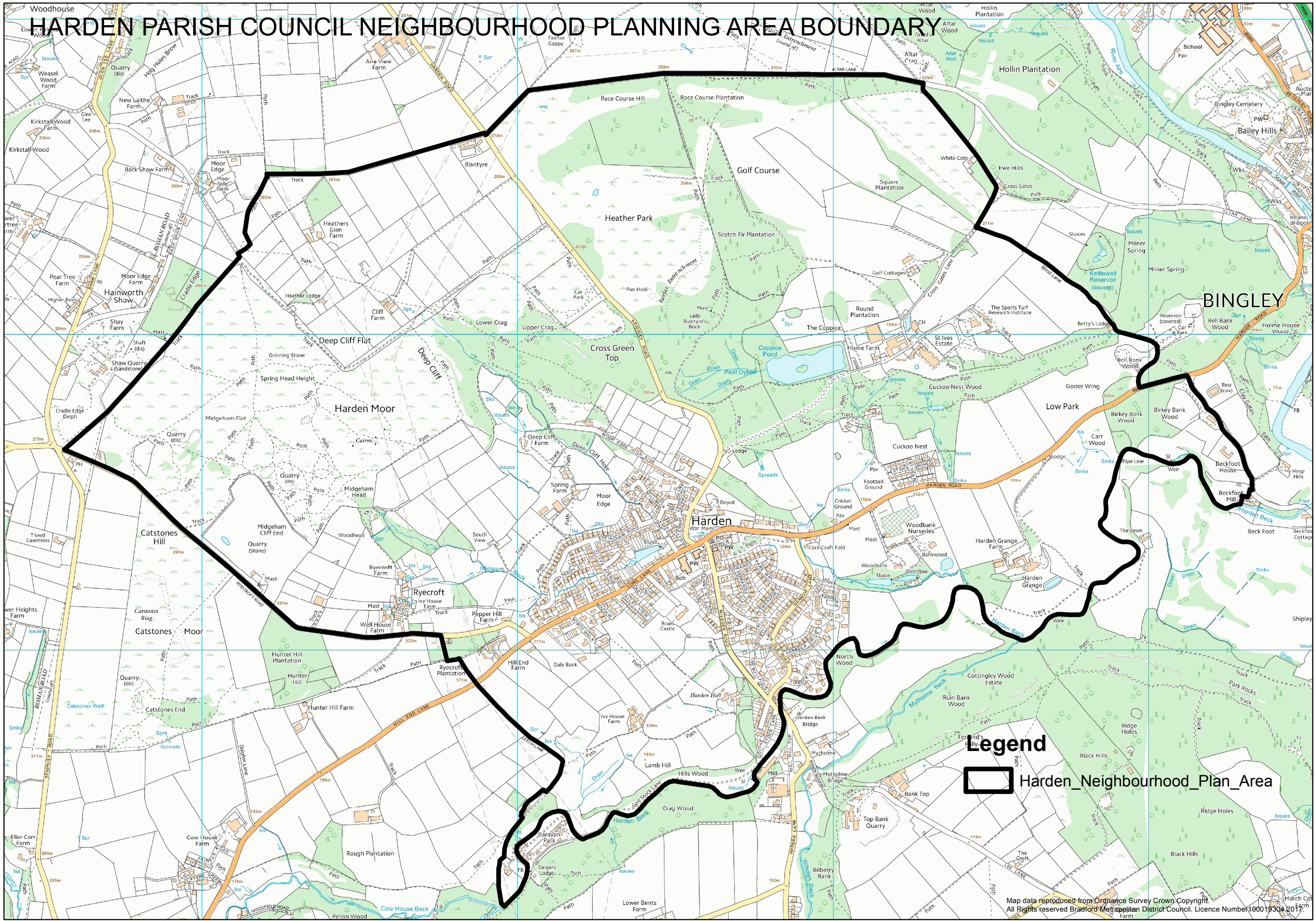
### **HARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**Subject:** Application for designation of a neighbourhood area for the purposes of creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish of Harden.

- Contents:**
- Extract from O/S map identifying the boundaries of the Parish of Harden, the area to which this application relates.
  - A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area.
  - A statement that the organisation making the area application is a relevant and/or qualifying body for the purposes of section 61G of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Act.
  - Authorisation to make an application for designation of a neighbourhood area.



# HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY



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## Neighbourhood Area Statement

The area proposed is considered as being appropriate to be designated as 'The Harden Parish Neighbourhood Area' because it forms the current administrative area of Harden Parish Council, as shown in the map extract provided.

The principle aim of Harden Parish Council is to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan, based on consultation with key local interest groups and residents, to generate research and evidence which will ensure, through Planning Guidance, that the village and parish develop in such a manner as to protect the area's heritage, provide for housing need and ensure it remains an attractive place to live and work.

Harden Parish Council does not oppose development in principle but recognises that there are competing pressures which such activity will bring to infrastructure in the area. In applying for designated area status, the essential aim of any resultant Neighbourhood Plan will be to: -

1. Preserve the character of Harden, retaining a distinct community, protecting the local heritage – both the natural and built environment;
2. Meet defined housing needs in a manner commensurate with the Local Plan and the character of the designated area during the period of the plan;
3. Maintain and improve shopping, recreational, cultural and community facilities;
4. Meet defined employment need in a manner commensurate with the Local Plan and character of the designated area to enable provision of adequate employment opportunities for its residents – now and in the future;
5. Ensure the retention of retail units and encourage new retail units;
6. Ensure local businesses continue to thrive and provide employment;
7. Meet the needs of residents in the areas of education, health, leisure, recreation, sport and transport;
8. Ensure that Harden and its Parish are a good place to live with facilities for young and old alike;
9. Maintain and protect the natural environment and availability of green spaces within the designated area, and;
10. Maintain on-going dialogue with local organisations, developers, individuals and the Local Planning Authority to ensure that agreed criteria are met throughout initial development of the Neighbourhood Plan and beyond.

## Neighbourhood Area “Relevant/Qualifying Body” Statement

Harden Parish Council, the organisation applying for designated area status for the purpose of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Harden, is considered to be a “relevant/qualifying body” (specified in The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012) in making application for the area delineated by the parish boundaries of Harden by virtue of: -

Section 61G (2) (a) of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), which defines a “relevant body” as a parish council.

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

[www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/paragraph/7](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/paragraph/7) Section 38A (12) para 4  
[www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9) Section 61G

## Authorisation

At a meeting of Harden Parish Council on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017, members resolved to make an application to the principal authority for designated area status (recorded as minute 12/0617).

I confirm that this application for designation of a neighbourhood area being made to Bradford Metropolitan District Council has been duly authorised to be made on behalf of Harden Parish Council, being the relevant body for Neighbourhood Planning purposes.

Signed: -



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