Application from: Oxenhope Parish Council

Subject: Application for Designated Area Status

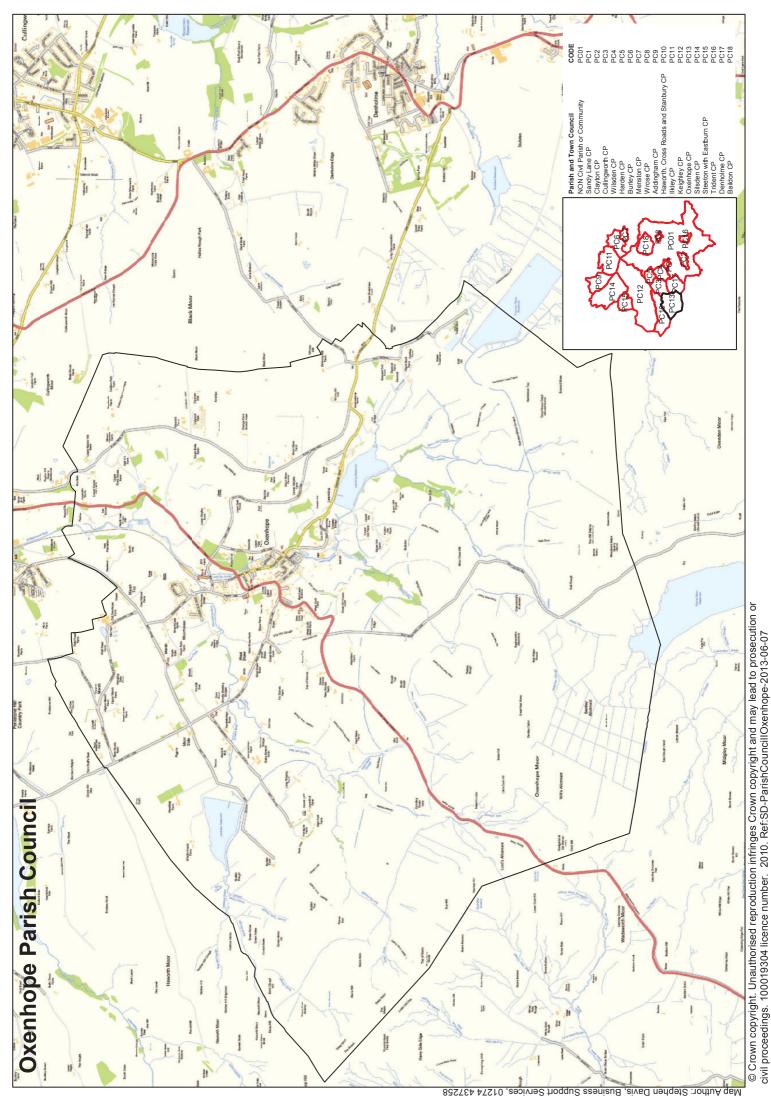
For the purposes of creating a

Neighbourhood Development Plan

for the Parish of Oxenhope

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- 2 A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area.
- 3 A statement that the organisation making the area application is a relevant and/or qualifying body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.



## 2 Statement explaining why the area confined within Oxenhope Parish Boundaries is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area.

Oxenhope Parish Council operates within the confines of the Oxenhope Parish Boundaries shown on the preceding page as an extract from O/S maps.

The area is illustrated on the preceding page is considered as being appropriate to be designated as 'The Oxenhope Parish Neighbourhood Area' since it is already administered by Oxenhope Parish Council.

The chief aim of the Oxenhope 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 town and parish develop in such a manner as to protect the area's heritage, maintain its attractiveness, provide for housing need and build for a viable economic future.

Oxenhope 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 Oxenhope and its Parish as an attractive rural area;
- 2 retain a distinct community, protect and cherish the natural and physical heritage and townscape:
- 3 meet defined housing needs in a manner commensurate with the LDF and character of the designated area during the period of the plan;
- 4 meet defined employment need in a manner commensurate with the LDF and character of the designated area which ensures availability of land, office, retail and industrial space to enable provision of adequate employment opportunities for its residents – now and in the future;
- 5 ensure a flourishing commercial, retail business and economic environment;
- 6 maintain a successful marketing and tourism profile for the designated area in line with the policy aspirations of the LDF, with good shopping, recreation and cultural facilities;
- 7 facilitate the needs of residents in the areas of education, health, leisure, recreation, sport and transport;
- 8 ensure that Oxenhope 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 parish boundaries;
- 10 maintain on-going dialogue with local organisations, developers, individuals and the LPA to ensure that agreed LDF criteria for are met throughout initial development of the Neighbourhood Plan and beyond.

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

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Oxenhope Parish Council, the organisation applying for designated area status for the purpose of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Oxenhope, 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 Oxenhope (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
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9 section 61G (2)
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