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Dear Mr Marshall,

DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

Please find attached an application for designated status by Wilsden Parish 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 the 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
Wilsden Clerk

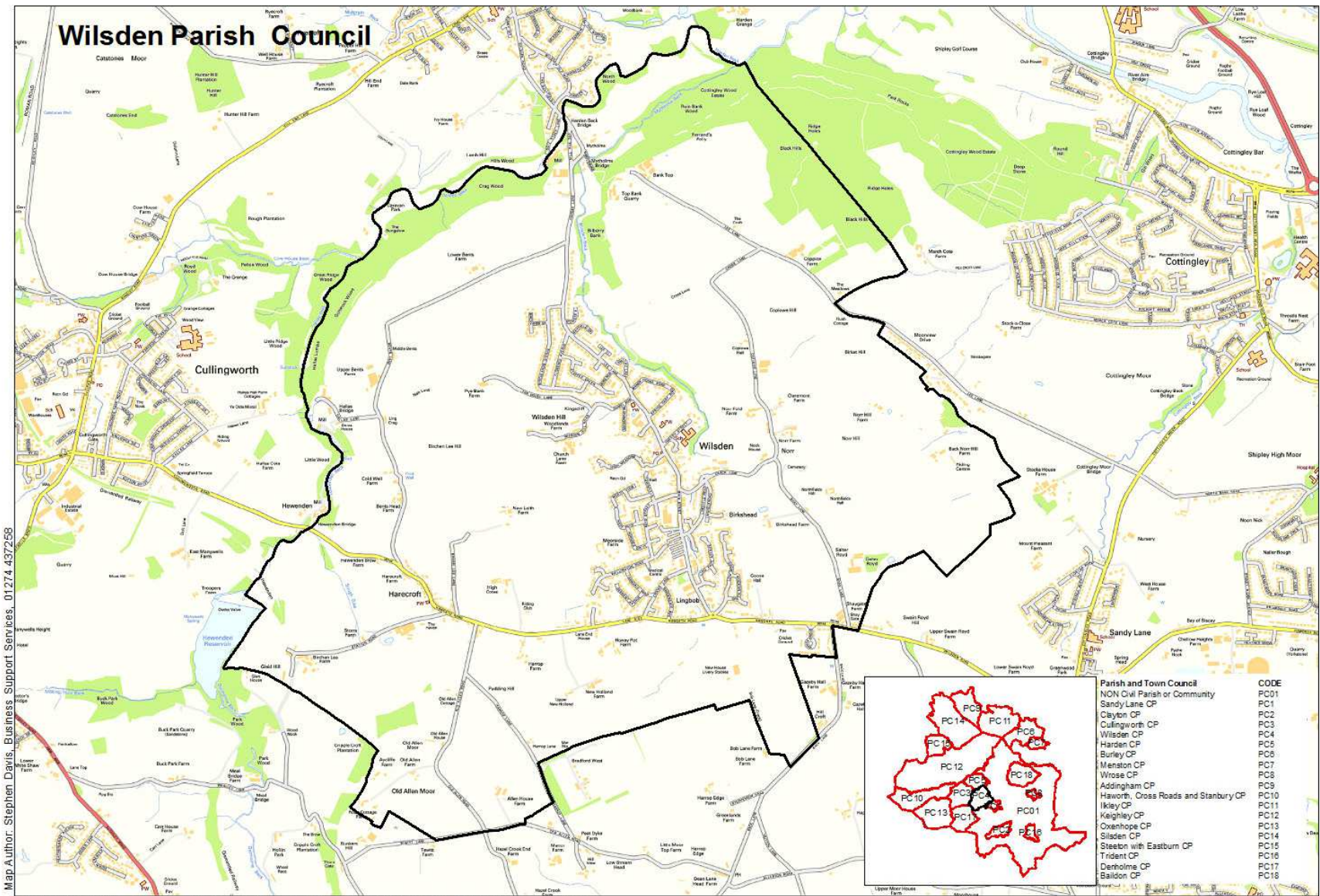
Application from: Wilsden Parish Council

Subject: Application for Designated Area Status

For the purposes of creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish of Wilsden

Contents:

1. Extract from O/S Map identifying the boundaries of the parish of Wilsden – the area to which this area application relates.
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.



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2 Statement explaining why the area confined within Wilsden parish boundaries is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area.

Wilsden Parish Council operates within the confines of the Wilsden parish boundaries shown on the preceding page as an extract from the Bradford Observatory maps.

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

The chief aim of Wilsden 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, maintain its attractiveness, provide for housing need and build for a viable economic future.

Wilsden 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 Wilsden and its parish as an attractive rural area;
2. retain a distinct village community, protect and cherish the natural and physical heritage, maintain the conservation area and retain the separateness of the village.
3. meet defined housing needs in a manner commensurate with the Local Plan and character of the designated area during the period of the plan with an emphasis on smaller scale developments which meet local needs;
4. meet defined employment need in a manner commensurate with the Local Plan 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 that the designated area maintains a commercial, retail business and economic environment;
6. maintain a successful profile for the designated area in line with the policy aspirations of the Local Plan, 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 Wilsden 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 Local Plan criteria are met throughout the 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

Wilsden Parish Council, the organisation applying for designated area status for the purpose of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Wilsden, 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 Wilsden (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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