

Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan

Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Area Designation Consultation

Consultation Comments

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C001		United Utilities Ms Rebecca Pemberton	<p>Thank you for your email notifying us of the intention to designate the above as a Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>United Utilities does not wish to submit any formal comments at this stage, however wish to be kept informed and consulted with further should this designation be approved.</p> <p>It is important that United Utilities are kept aware of any future development plans and supporting policies to ensure we can facilitate the delivery of the necessary sustainable infrastructure at an appropriate time. Therefore we encourage further consultation with us once a draft Neighbourhood Plan is commenced as we may submit detailed comments at the Draft Plan public consultation stage.</p>	Comment noted. It will be important to engage with the relevant infrastructure providers during the preparation of the neighbourhood plan.
		Natural England Ms Jacqui Salt	<p>Thank you for notifying Natural England of the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Planning Area in your letter dated 20/07/2016.</p> <p>The following advice is for use by Trawden Forest Parish Council in the preparation of their plan: We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information sources you may wish to use in developing your plan, and to highlight some of the potential environmental risks and opportunities that neighbourhood plans may present. We have set this out in the annex to this letter.</p> <p>Natural England's role Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Your local planning authority should be able to advise you when we should be consulted further on your neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Planning policy for the natural environment Neighbourhood plans and orders present significant opportunities, but also potential risks, for the natural environment. Your proposals should be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. The key principles are set out in paragraph 109: The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils; • recognising the wider benefits of ecosystem services; • minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible, contributing to the Government's commitment to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures; 	Comment noted. It will be important for the Neighbourhood Planning body to consider the Natural Environment as part of their plan preparation.

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			You should also consider the natural environment policies in your area's Local Plan. Your neighbourhood plan or order should be consistent with these, and you may decide that your plan should provide more detail as to how some of these policies apply or are interpreted locally.	
		Historic England	<p>Thank you for consulting Historic England, we have no comment to make on the formation of a forum for the proposed Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan Area, or the boundary selected. Please consult Historic England when there is a draft neighbourhood plan available, preferably alongside the forums SEA screening report and opinion.</p> <p>We have produced further information and guidance on how heritage can best be incorporated into Neighbourhood Plans. The new forum might find the following document useful in helping them to identify what it is about their area which makes it distinctive and how they might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. They can be downloaded at:- http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/</p>	Comment noted. It will be important for the Neighbourhood Planning body to consider the Historic Environment as part of their plan preparation.
		Environment Agency	We have reviewed the proposal and consider that the area to be designated is appropriate and that the organisation applying is considered to be a relevant body.	Support for the proposed neighbourhood area and preparation of a neighbourhood plan for Trawden Forest.
		Calderdale Council	<p>Thank you for consulting Calderdale Council on the proposed Neighbourhood Area for Trawden Forest. This email confirms that Calderdale Council has no objections to the confirmation of the Neighbourhood Area. However, Calderdale Council asks that Trawden Forest Parish Council are reminded of their obligations to consult with and keep this Council informed as their plan progresses.</p> <p>There is also a Neighbourhood Area in Calderdale side of the boundary that the Parish Council need to be aware of...namely the "Hebden Royd and the Hill Top Parishes Neighbourhood Area". This area is producing a join NDP for the 5 Parish/Town Councils surrounding Hebden Bridge (Hebden Royd Town Council; Blackshaw PC; Heptonstall PC; Erringden PC and Wadsworth PC) and is being led by Hebden Royd Town Council. Hebden Royd (as lead for the Neighbourhood Area) should also be consulted as the Neighbourhood Plan progresses.</p>	Comment noted. It will be important for the Neighbourhood Planning body to be aware of neighbouring authorities and to consult appropriately.