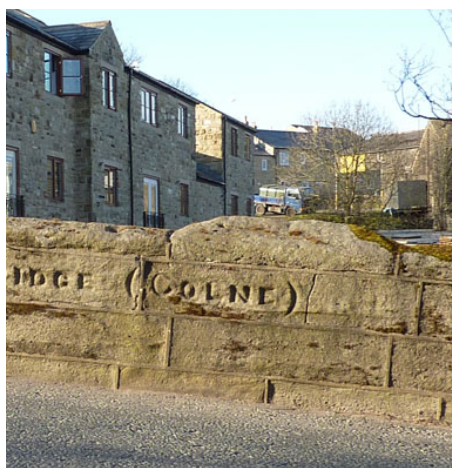


# Neighbourhood Area Proposal



## Colne East and Villages



25<sup>th</sup> March 2016



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## Background

In November 2011, the Localism Act introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to help shape development through the preparation of neighbourhood plans.

In a letters dated 1<sup>st</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Colne Town Council, Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council and Trawden Forest Parish Council submitted formal written notification to Pendle Council stating their intention to jointly prepare a neighbourhood plan (Appendix 1).

In accordance with **Regulation 5** of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 [“The Regulations”] this notification included:

- (a) A map which identifies the area to which the area application relates;
- (b) A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and
- (c) A statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of designating a neighbourhood area (in accordance with section 61G of the Town & County Planning Act 1990).

On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Pendle Council formally responded to these letters, setting-out the timetable for the public consultation required by **Regulation 6**.

Date of publication:	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
Closing date for representations:	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
Date of Committee:	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
Deadline for Designation:	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2016

## Public Consultation

### Subject Matter

The consultation does **not** address the content of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan (which will be prepared with community involvement at a later date), but provides an opportunity for members of the public and other key stakeholders to comment on:

- (a) the proposed neighbourhood area; and
- (b) the proposed neighbourhood planning body for East Colne & Villages.

The letter of application indicates that these details are as follows:

- **Plan Area**            The proposed area includes “all of the parishes of Trawden and Laneshaw Bridge; the Boulsworth Ward within Colne’s boundaries and the eastern, rural/semi-rural portion of the Horsfield Ward in Colne” (Appendix 1).
- **Relevant Body**    Colne Town Council, together with Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council and Trawden Forest Parish Council.

## Publication

A public notice announcing the proposal to prepare a neighbourhood plan, and the statutory public consultation, was published in the Leader Times Series of newspapers [Nelson Leader, Colne Times and Barrowford & Earby Times] on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

## Consultation Period

As the application has been received from a parish council, but in the case of Colne does not relate to *“the whole of the area of the town council”*, in accordance with the provisions set out in The Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, as amended the public consultation will last for a period of **six weeks** from the date of publication (i.e. 25<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016).

## Availability of Documents

Further information on neighbourhood planning and the proposed Colne East & Villages Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Pendle Council website at:

- [www.pendle.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans](http://www.pendle.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans)

The consultation documents are also available to view at the following locations during their normal opening hours:

- Colne Town Hall, Albert Road Colne BB8 0AQ
- Colne Library, Market Street, Colne BB8 0AP
- Trawden Library, Church Street , Trawden, Colne BB8 8RU
- Number One Market Street, Market Street, Nelson BB9 7LJ

## How to Comment

Representations must be submitted in writing (letter or email) and received by Pendle Council on or before **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at the following address:

Planning Policy & Conservation  
Pendle Borough Council  
Town Hall  
Market Street  
Nelson  
Lancashire  
BB9 7LG

Email: [ldf@pendle.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@pendle.gov.uk)

Should you require any additional advice or information, please contact:

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# **Appendix 1**

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Mr. N. Watson  
Planning Manager  
Pendle Borough Council  
Nelson Town Hall  
Market Street  
Nelson BB9 7LG

1<sup>st</sup> February 2016

Dear Mr. Watson,

**Area Designation and Intention to Prepare a Neighbourhood Plan**

I write on behalf of Colne Town Council, with the support of the Parish Councils of Trawden Forest and Laneshaw Bridge, to register the Councils' intention to jointly prepare an "East Colne & Villages" Neighbourhood Plan. This is in line with the Government's new approach to planning, which aims to give local people more say about how their area is developed.

Colne Town Council, Trawden Forest Parish Council and Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council all form relevant bodies for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act of 2011.

Attached, is a boundary map of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan area for "East Colne & Villages" which corresponds to Parish, Ward and other appropriate boundaries. The overall boundary of the Area includes all of the Parishes of Trawden and Laneshaw Bridge the Boulsworth Ward within Colne's boundaries and the eastern, rural/semi-rural portion of the Horsfield Ward of Colne.

The dividing line in Horsfield of Venables Avenue is supported by Colne Town Council and specifically the three Councillors who represent that Ward. The road forms a strong North-South dividing line separating different phases of Colne's development. The Boulsworth and East Horsfield area of Colne faces challenges to several local and community assets, including Park High School, Favordale Care Centre, Colne Cricket Club and the greenfields, including the Rough, Lidgett Triangle and along Keighley Road. The local community is strongly motivated to work with the respective Councils to prepare a sustainable, deliverable Plan which glues together East Colne with neighbouring Trawden and Laneshaw Bridge Councils, capitalising on their natural empathy and homogeneity in terms of the resources, opportunities and challenges and the character of the places and the people in this rural/semi-rural overall area.

It is worth highlighting that none of the Councils would prepare a Plan in the short-medium term if left to their own devices. Colne has reserved the right to prepare Plans for other

homogeneous areas/Wards, including Vivary Bridge & West Horsfield and Waterside. The proposed East Colne & Villages area encompasses a population of approximately 7,000, roughly a third of the overall Colne & District area. Colne Town Council has discussed this opportunity for the future, but agreed that it would be sensible to focus on other pressing matters for the next few years and to get the first Neighbourhood Plan well underway, if not fully approved, before embarking on another.

As part of the preparation discussions held between the Councils, calling on input and assistance from the Lidgett & Beyond Charity, we have identified several key areas of focus for our Neighbourhood Plan which are relevant to the area, many of which flow down from and support the recently approved Pendle Core Strategy. These include:

- Preserving and enhancing our heritage assets, landscapes and Conservation Areas and the rural/semi-rural character
- Sustainable housing developments in appropriate locations, mindful of the settlement hierarchy, but sensitively designed and built, with enhanced infrastructure and the ability to be offered for sale at affordable prices for local people
- Promoting our local and rural economies and community resources
- Safeguarding, enhancing and promoting access to the rural environment, wildlife and nature
- Promoting recreation, leisure and wellbeing initiatives to be attractive to residents and visitors

The Town and Parish Councils are qualifying bodies in regards to the making of this Area Designation application, with Colne Town Council being the lead body. In organising and progressing the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, each of the Councils has nominated two Councillors to sit on a Management Team to provide continuity throughout the process, as well as getting involved in preparing the evidence base and developing policies/proposals, reporting back to each Council to update on progress and to seek approval/ratification at key stages and milestones. The Management Team will also benefit from a portfolio of amateur subject matter experts from Lidgett & Beyond and other local people and groups to assist with, and lead on, areas of focus such as planning, heritage, landscape, ecology/environment, highways, economy etc, as well as calling on the services of an external planning consultant. The Management Team will be chaired by David Cockburn-Price, the Chairman of the Lidgett & Beyond Charity.

I look forward to receiving your acknowledgment of receipt of this letter and to progressing the Area Designation.

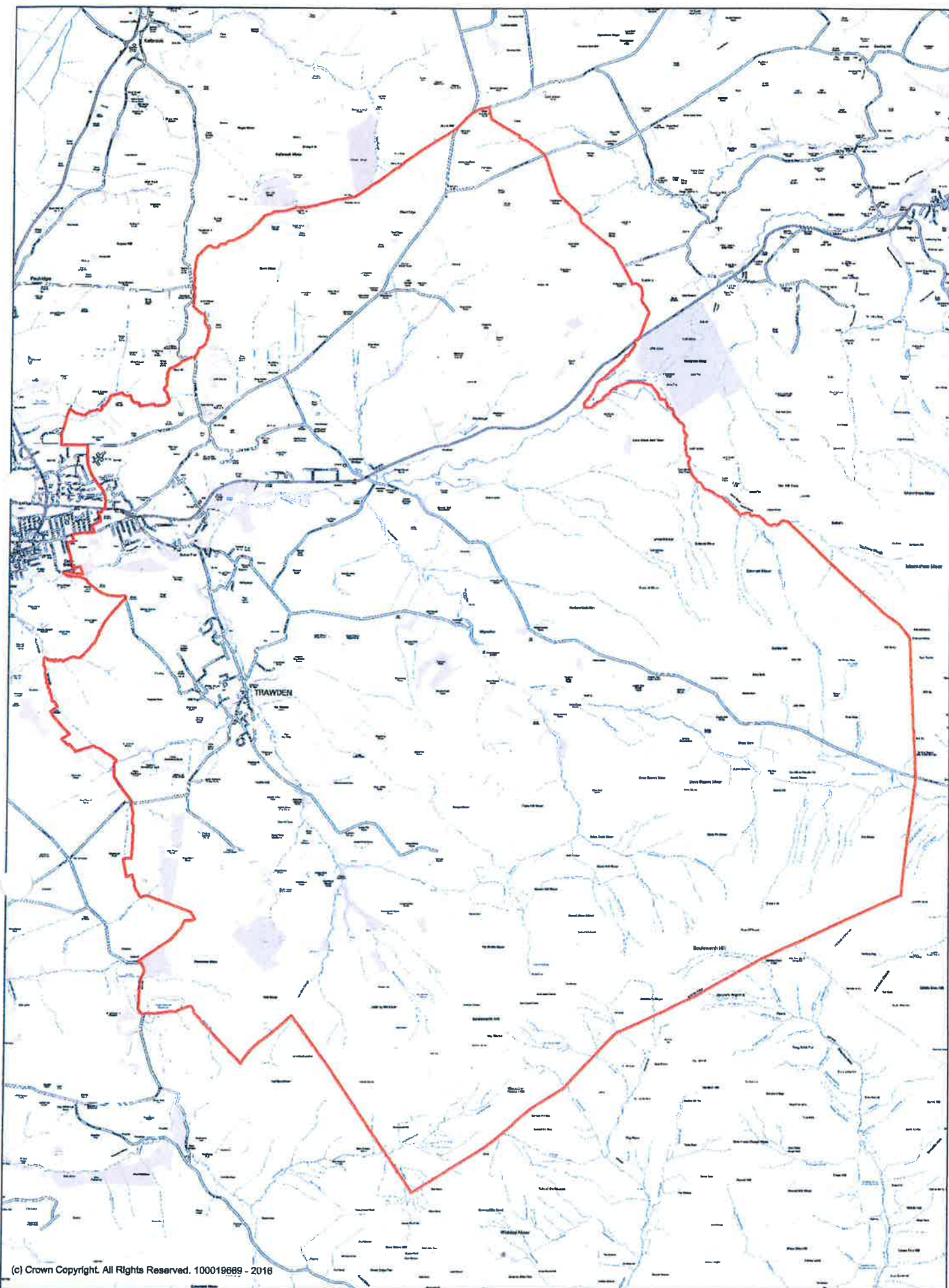
Yours sincerely,



Sarah Cockburn-Price  
Chairman of Colne Town Council

cc: Barry Hodgson, Chairman of Trawden Forest Parish Council  
Steve Humbert, Chairman of Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council  
David Cockburn-Price, Chairman of the Trustees of Lidgett & Beyond Charity





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East Colne & Villages Neighbourhood Plan Area - Proposed Boundary



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Mr. N. Watson  
Planning Manager  
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Nelson Town Hall  
Market Street  
Nelson BB9 7LG

7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Mr. Watson,

**Area Designation and Intention to Prepare a Neighbourhood Plan**

I write on behalf of Trawden Forest Parish Council to register the Council's intention to jointly prepare an "East Colne & Villages" Neighbourhood Plan with Colne Town Council and Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council. We fully support the letter previously submitted by Colne Town Council, which is acting as the lead Council in designating the area and preparing the Plan, and we have volunteered two of our Councillors to act as our Council's representatives on the Neighbourhood Plan steering group.

We support the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area for "East Colne & Villages" which corresponds to Parish, Ward and other appropriate boundaries and which includes all of the Parishes of Trawden and Laneshaw Bridge, the Boulsworth Ward within Colne's boundaries and the eastern, rural/semi-rural portion of the Horsfield Ward of Colne. The local community in the Area is strongly motivated to work with the respective Councils to prepare a sustainable, deliverable Plan which glues together East Colne, Trawden and Laneshaw Bridge, capitalising on our natural empathy and homogeneity in terms of the resources, opportunities and challenges and the character of the places and the people in this rural/semi-rural overall area. It is worth highlighting that our Council would not prepare a Plan in the short-medium term if left to our own devices.

Colne Town Council, Trawden Forest Parish Council and Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council all form relevant bodies for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act of 2011. The Town and Parish Councils are qualifying bodies in regards to the making of this Area Designation application, with Colne Town Council being the lead body.

I look forward to receiving your acknowledgment of receipt of this letter and to progressing the Area Designation and the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Hodgson  
Chairman of Trawden Forest Parish Council

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Mr. N. Watson  
Planning Manager  
Pendle Borough Council  
Nelson Town Hall  
Market Street  
Nelson BB9 7LG

7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Mr. Watson,

## **Area Designation and Intention to Prepare a Neighbourhood Plan**

I write on behalf of Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council to register the Council's intention to jointly prepare an "East Colne & Villages" Neighbourhood Plan with Colne Town Council and Trawden Forest Parish Council. We fully support the letter previously submitted by Colne Town Council, which is acting as the lead Council in designating the area and preparing the Plan, and we have volunteered two of our Councillors to act as our Council's representatives on the Neighbourhood Plan steering group.

We support the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area for "East Colne & Villages" which corresponds to Parish, Ward and other appropriate boundaries and which includes all of the Parishes of Trawden and Laneshaw Bridge, the Boulsworth Ward within Colne's boundaries and the eastern, rural/semi-rural portion of the Horsfield Ward of Colne. The local community in the Area is strongly motivated to work with the respective Councils to prepare a sustainable, deliverable Plan which glues together East Colne, Trawden and Laneshaw Bridge, capitalising on our natural empathy and homogeneity in terms of the resources, opportunities and challenges and the character of the places and the people in this rural/semi-rural overall area. It is worth highlighting that our Council would not prepare a Plan in the short-medium term if left to our own devices.

Colne Town Council, Trawden Forest Parish Council and Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council all form relevant bodies for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act of 2011. The Town and Parish Councils are qualifying bodies in regards to the making of this Area Designation application, with Colne Town Council being the lead body.

I look forward to receiving your acknowledgment of receipt of this letter and to progressing the Area Designation and the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Humbert  
Chairman of Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council

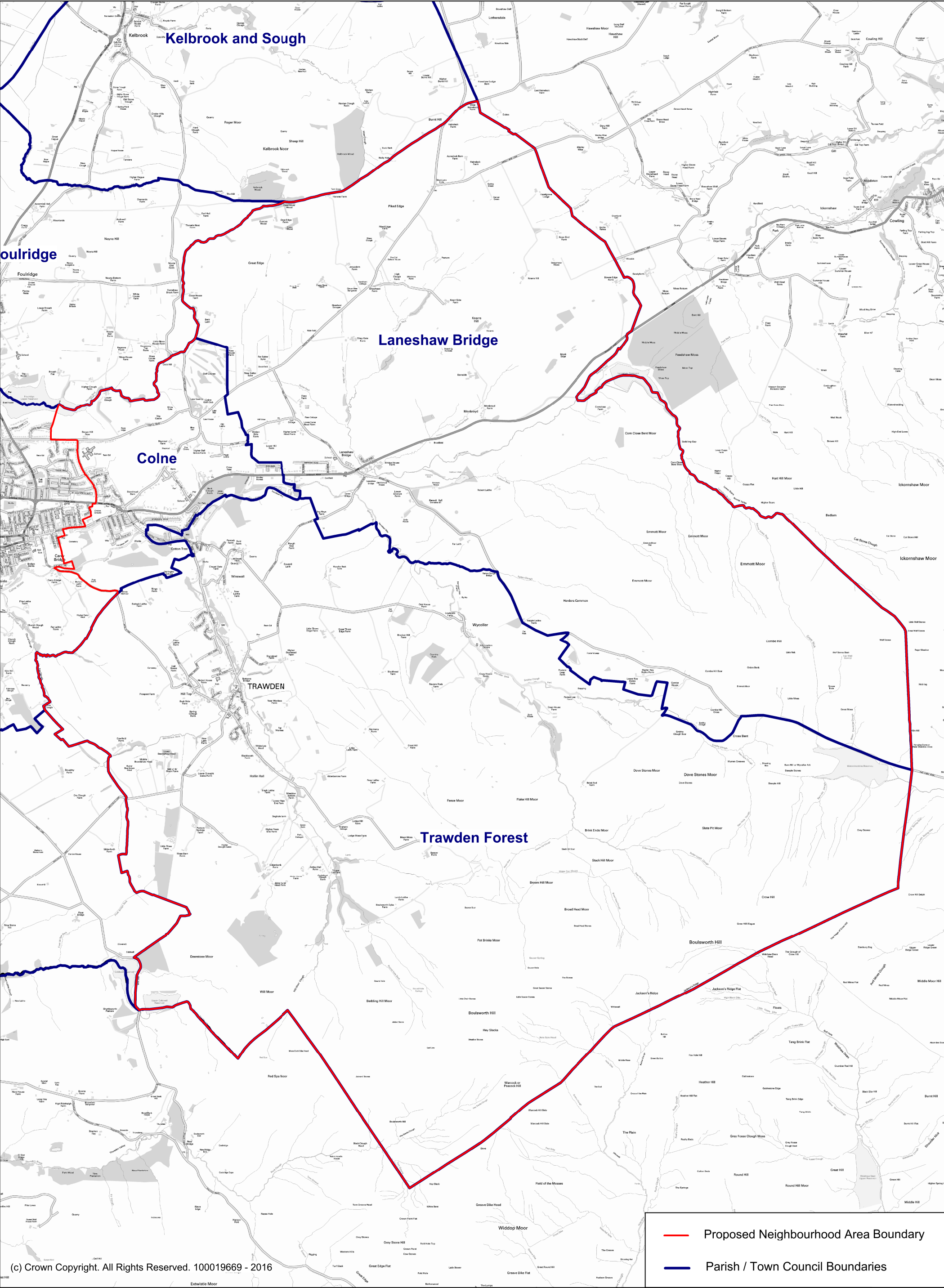
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East Colne & Villages Neighbourhood Area - Proposed Boundary



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