

Appendix 2

Colne Neighbourhood Area Designation Consultation

Consultation Comments

Comment ID	Representor ID	Organisation / Representor	Comments	Officer / Council Response
C001	00356	North Yorkshire County Council Mr Mark Rushworth	<p>Thank you for your email dated 14th October 2016 advising North Yorkshire County Council of the proposed designation of the Colne Neighbourhood Area, related to an intended application for the Colne Town Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Officers have reviewed the documentation and have no fundamental objections to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the spatial definition of the proposed neighbourhood area; • the basis for the area being designated as a neighbourhood area; • the status of the Town Council as a qualifying body. <p>We are, however, mindful that the East Lancashire Highways and Transport Master Plan, including the A56 Colne to Foulridge Bypass, and the M65 to Yorkshire Corridor study cover part of the area included within the proposed Colne Neighbourhood Area. As these have strategic cross boundary significance for connectivity with North Yorkshire, we would like to ensure that the County Council is consulted on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan as it progresses with regard to any implications for identified strategic links and highway matters.</p>	<p>The comments relating to the proposed neighbourhood area designation and status of the Town Council as the qualifying body are noted.</p> <p>It will be important that the Town Council inform and consult with North Yorkshire County Council at the appropriate stages in the preparation of the plan.</p>
C002	-	Cllr Tony Greaves	I am in favour of this proposal.	Support noted.
C003	-	Cllr Joe Cooney	I write to confirm my support for the chosen area for the Colne Local Plan. I believe the area chosen best represents the individual neighbourhoods.	Support noted.
C004	00152	Environment Agency Mrs Liz Locke	<p>Thank you for consulting us on the Colne Neighbourhood Area application.</p> <p>We have reviewed the proposal and consider that the area to be designated is appropriate and that the organisations applying are considered to be a relevant body.</p>	Comments noted.
C005	00336	Natural England Ms Alice Watson	<p>Thank you for your letter dated 14 October 2016 notifying Natural England of the above Neighbourhood Planning Area.</p> <p>Natural England does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body.</p> <p>However we would like to take this opportunity to provide Colne Town Council with information sources the neighbourhood planning body may wish to use in developing the 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 has made no specific comments regarding the area to be designated or the status of the Town Council as the qualifying body.</p> <p>The Town Council should note the role of Natural England's in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and consult at the appropriate stages.</p>

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			<p><u>Natural England's role</u></p> <p>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. The local planning authority will be aware and should advise the neighbourhood planning body when Natural England should be consulted further on the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p><u>Planning policy for the natural environment</u></p> <p>Neighbourhood plans and orders present significant opportunities, but also potential risks, for the natural environment. Proposals should be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. The key principles are set out in paragraph 109:</p> <p>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; <p>The neighbourhood planning body should also consider the natural environment policies in the area's Local Plan. The neighbourhood plan or order should be consistent with these, and the neighbourhood planning body may decide that the emerging Neighbourhood Plan should provide more detail as to how some of these policies apply or are interpreted locally.</p> <p>The attached annex sets out sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues you may wish to consider as the neighbourhood plan or order is developed.</p>	<p>It will also be important for the Town Council to take account of the natural environment in the preparation of the plan.</p>
C006	00198	Historic England Mr Darren Ratcliffe	<p>Thank you for consulting Historic England, at this stage we have no comment on the establishment of the Forum nor the proposed Neighbourhood Plan boundary, please re-consult Historic England at the required stages as this plan progresses.</p>	<p>Historic England has made no specific comments regarding the area to be designated or the status of the Town Council as the qualifying body.</p> <p>The Town Council should consult Historic England at the appropriate stages.</p>
C007	01453	Foxley Architect Mr Paul Foxley	<p>I would like to register my support for the proposed boundary of Colne's Neighbourhood Plan and for Colne Town Council to be the relevant neighbourhood planning body.</p>	<p>Support noted.</p>
C008	00381	Colne Labour Party David Foat	<p>Colne Labour Party Branches are generally in favour of this sort of Neighbourhood Plan and members look forward to participating in formulating some robust plans for Colne in the future. However, we already have a Pendle Local Plan that the Colne Neighbourhood Plan must agree with, so we are not sure how much value for money such a Colne Plan will have for Council Tax payers.</p>	<p>The general support for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Colne is noted.</p>

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C009	00294	Lidgett & Beyond Mr David Cockburn-Price	<p>The Lidgett & Beyond Charity believes in the protection, enhancement and sustainable development of the East Colne area covered by the proposed Colne Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Our Charity's Objects believe in the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources, as well as the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration. In addition, we believe in promoting protection of heritage assets and biological diversity.</p> <p>The Lidgett & Beyond Charity wholly supports the idea and concepts behind Neighbourhood Planning and wholly supports the choice of the proposed area outlined to be designated by Colne Town Council. We look forward to playing a part in its future development.</p>	Support noted.