

EXTRACT OF MINUTE – 19TH March, 2026 Executive meeting

141. PROPOSED KEIGHLEY ROAD CONSERVATION AREA

The Executive Member for Strategic and Local Planning Infrastructure introduced this item

The following documents were appended to the report:

Appendix 1 - Keighley Road Conservation Area Appraisal

Appendix 2 - First public consultation responses.

Appendix 3 - Second Public consultation response

Appendix 4 - Proposed Boundary in First Draft

Executive was informed that Local Authorities were obliged from time to time to consider designating areas of historic importance as conservation areas. An appraisal had been undertaken of the area around Keighley Road in Colne to assess whether it merited such a designation. The appraisal report assessed that it had historical and architectural significance sufficient to warrant designating the area as a conservation area. This submitted report recommended that a new Keighley Road Conservation Area was designated. The results of the second public consultation were that there was strong overall support to designate the conservation area with 93% of respondents in favour. A further 4.47% were in favour of designation but with the removal of the area around Old Mill Drive. That would accord with the original recommendations of Growth Lancashire.

The Executive Member for Strategic and Local Planning Infrastructure informed Executive of issues with website timeouts people had encountered trying to respond to the consultation. She also referred to correspondence received from the Peter Birtwhistle Trust, which owned 47 out of 95 properties on Keighley Road. The Executive Member recommended the matter be deferred for further consultation and meeting with the Peter Birtwhistle Trust. The issue about the merits of designating the lower section of Carry Lane would also be the subject of further consideration.

Councillor A. Sutcliffe commented on problems with the website consultation timeout of people trying to respond to the online consultation.

Councillor S. Cockburn-Price added she was in favour of designating a new conservation area to be named the Keighley Road Conservation Area.

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services responded to questions, comments and concerns on this matter.

RESOLVED: That Executive

- (1) Defer consideration of designating a new conservation area named the Keighley Road Conservation Area, which would include formally writing to all residents and to the Secretary of State.
- (2) That a meeting be sought with representatives of the Peter Birtwhistle Trust.

(3) That the issue about the merits of designating the lower section of Carry Lane in the Conservation Area be also the subject of further consideration.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CALL-IN PROCEDURE THE ABOVE DECISION STANDS REFERRED BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR RECONSIDERATION.