

**Appendix 3: Follow up letter to Oldham Council October 2016 in response to consultation**



**SADDLEWORTH**

**Parish Council**



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**SADDLEWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION  
AS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING AREA**

Further to my letter of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 I would like to make the following submission to support the application in accordance with Part 2 of the 2012 Regulations.

Saddleworth is a civil parish incorporating the rural settlements and communities of Austerlands, Delph, Denshaw, Diggle, Dobcross, Friezland, Grasscroft, Greenfield, Grotton, Lydgate, Scouthead, Springhead and Uppermill all of which, prior to the 1974 local government reorganisation, were part of the West Riding of Yorkshire. The area is recognised by statutory bodies and by the community and the activities of Saddleworth Parish Council involve all individual settlements within this area. Each of the villages has its own Community or Residents' Association which works closely with the Parish Council.

Our residents recognise that Saddleworth has a unique identity and culture and wish to have more influence over what happens in their area, but particularly the use of land, rather than leaving decisions to others who lack the benefit of local knowledge. In particular, our residents have a desire to ensure that development is sustainable.

The proposed area is appropriate in spatial planning terms. It does not overlap an existing Neighbourhood Area or include land within another Parish or Town Council's administrative boundaries. The proposed Neighbourhood Area will sit comfortably with the electorate and the existing sense of community that currently exists.

Yours sincerely

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