

12. DESIGNATION OF GREAT HUCKLOW AND FOLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA (AM)

1. Purpose of the report

To designate the two parish areas of Great Hucklow and Foolow, which include the villages and hamlets of Foolow, Grindlow, Great Hucklow, Windmill, Little Hucklow and Coplowdale, as a neighbourhood area under Schedule 9 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Key Issues

- **Designation of a neighbourhood area is required by parish councils seeking to write a neighbourhood plan. Under Schedule 61 (G) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the power to designate an area as a neighbourhood area is exercisable by the Authority when a relevant body has applied.**
- **Great Hucklow Parish Council has applied to the Authority. A single parish council can apply for a multi-parished neighbourhood area to be designated, as long as that multi-parished area includes all or part of that parish council's administrative area.**
- **Foolow Parish Meeting has given consent for Great Hucklow Parish Council to develop the neighbourhood plan.**

2. Recommendations(s)

- 1. Members designate the two parish areas of Great Hucklow and Foolow, which include the villages and hamlets of Foolow, Grindlow, Great Hucklow, Windmill, Little Hucklow and Coplowdale, as shown on the map in Appendix 1, as a neighbourhood area under Schedule 9 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

- 3. This is a legal obligation under the Localism Act.**

Background Information

- 4. An application satisfying Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 was submitted to the Authority on 21 May 2018. The application was publicised in accordance with Regulation 6. No representations were received.**
- 5. In determining the application the Authority must have regard to the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act Section 61(G)(4)(7) and (H)(1) and consider (i) the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish council; (ii) the desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas, and ensuring that areas do not overlap; and (iii) whether the area should be designated as a business area.**
- 6. Taking each of these points in turn:**
- 7. (i) The area is an appropriate area to be designated and the letter of application explaining why it is appropriate is satisfactory. This states:**
- 8. "We consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area because the villages form two civil parishes which already work closely together, have**

many similar issues (as described), and can work more effectively to address them by developing a joint neighbourhood plan. Additionally, the joint area forms a large part of the catchment area of Great Hucklow School. They have formed a joint charitable trust to manage the Silence Mine site. The villagers are concerned that the population is aging and will dwindle with time as younger people move away to develop their careers etc. and are not replaced as the accommodation and infrastructure do not meet their needs. To this end the village has invested its own resources in time and effort in developing its own fibre optic network which has provided businesses in the villages with the state-of-the-art communications they need to conduct global activities when the national suppliers passed the villages by.”

9. (ii) There are no adjacent neighbourhood areas.
10. (iii) Designation of a business area would only apply if the area is wholly or predominantly business in nature. This is not the case.

Proposals

11. It is proposed that the Authority designates the two parish areas of Great Hucklow and Foolow, which include the villages and hamlets of Foolow, Grindlow, Great Hucklow, Windmill, Little Hucklow and Coplowdale, as shown on the map in Appendix 1, as a neighbourhood area under Schedule 9 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

Financial:

12. MHCLG grant of £5k is available on designation. Planning authorities are able to claim this for the first 5 neighbourhood areas designated. To date there are 3 other designated neighbourhood areas wholly within the National Park (Bradwell, Bakewell and Hartington Town Quarter).

Risk Management:

13. The steps the Authority is taking, as described, to designate the neighbourhood area, means that the risk around failing to meet Government standards or legal obligations is low.

Sustainability:

14. There is no impact at this stage. These matters will be considered as part of the Authority's assessment of the plan itself.

Equality:

15. Equalities issues are considered as part of the neighbourhood planning process.

16. Background papers (not previously published)

none

17. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Map of Great Hucklow and Foolow Neighbourhood Area.

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