

Harewood Parish Council

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA



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Introduction

The Parish came into being due to the local government reforms of the 1880s, when local parish councils, with no connection to any ecclesiastical authorities, were created. The council is a secular body and is more usefully seen as a 'community' council. Harewood is one of the longest-established such councils in Yorkshire.

The original area of the council was the village of Harewood and the outlying hamlets of Wike, Weardley, Stanks and Wigton. However, from the 1960s onwards the suburbs of Leeds crept north and began to be built on the farmlands in the area of the old village parish. Farms called 'High Ash', 'Slaid Hill' and 'The Plantation' can be seen in the maps of the 1850s and their names are still with us. Now the private estates of Wigton Moor comprise 80% of the population of the parish. Seven of the nine members of the Parish Council represent Wigton Moor; the other two represent 'Harewood, Weardley and Wike'.

Objective

The development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish is being facilitated by Harewood Parish Council with help from volunteers across the community. The Parish Council believes that this is a real opportunity for the community to have some ownership on future planning policy for the parish and to work with Leeds City Council to achieve this.

Through the creation of the Plan, local people will have the opportunity to help shape future policies for land use and the scale of development; such as where new homes, shops, offices, employment sites should be built and what they should look like.

The Neighbourhood Plan for the parish, subject to passing the formal tests, a local referendum and examination, it will become part of the local planning framework.

Statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area;

Harewood Parish is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

The Neighbourhood Plan is being developed to deliver the local communities ambitions and needs;

The Plan will provide a vehicle to guide, promote and enable balanced and sustainable change and growth within the designated area;

The Plan will aim to preserve the distinct character of each of the two 'sections' of the parish including the retention of Harewood as a distinct community;

The plan will aim to facilitate the needs of residents in the areas of housing, employment, education, health, leisure, recreation, sport and transport and support the growth of local businesses.

A number of issues will need to be addressed during the development of the Neighbourhood Plan including:

Protection of the local environment for future generations

Traffic flow, parking and transport

Management and use of Harewood Cemetery

Dialogue with local businesses, particularly Harewood House Trust and Estate

Engagement with local education facilities across all age ranges

Provision of allotments

Maintenance of local roads, pavements footpaths and tree surveys

Consistency of developments to maintain local character

Appropriate facilities for the elderly including easy access to medical services

Provision of play areas for children

Sporting facilities including cycle and footpath provision

Statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

In accordance with Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the body making the application to designate Harewood as a neighbourhood area is a parish council (Harewood Parish) established in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1972.

Map of Neighbourhood Area Boundary

