

CLAYTON LE MOORS AND ALTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

APPLICATION TO HYNDBURN BOROUGH COUNCIL (UNDER SCHEDULE 9 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011)

This document constitutes an application from the Clayton le Moors and Altham Community Development Board for designation of an area for Neighbourhood Planning purposes, and for the designation of a Neighbourhood Forum, under Schedule 9 of the Localism Act 2011.

The proposed name of the Forum is the Clayton le Moors and Altham Neighbourhood Forum.

The geographic area covers Clayton le Moors ward (of Hyndburn Borough Council) and that part of Altham ward that does not lie in the area of Altham Parish.

This application is submitted in accordance with Section 61c of the 1990 Act (Town and Country Planning Act) and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. We ask that Hyndburn Borough Council determine this application in accordance with these regulations.

Designation of Neighbourhood Planning Area

The geographic area for which we are applying for designation is that area covered by the Clayton le Moors ward (of Hyndburn Borough Council) and that part of Altham ward that does not lie in the area of Altham Parish (in accordance with section 61F (4) Section Requirements of the 1990 Act).

The area covers approximately 461 hectares and includes; 4 schools, including a new 6th Form Centre, Employment and industrial land at Junction 7 Business Park and Moorfield Industrial estate, a Conservation Area at Mercer Park, a large proportion of green belt land to the northern part of the area and the Leeds and Liverpool Canal and M65 Motorway dissects the area.

**DESIGNATION OF CLAYTON LE MOORS AND ALTHAM
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM (SECTION 61F(5) REQUIREMENTS OF 1990
ACT)**

The existing residents association and amenity body in the area is the Clayton le Moors and Altham Development Board. This was formed in 2011. It currently covers the area as that defined in the Neighbourhood Plan

The Association is recognised as a constituted body by Hyndburn Borough Council. It has a current membership of 21 local residents, and is open to all living in the area and in the surrounding streets. All households within the area are informed on a regular basis (by public notices) about open meetings and are invited to attend.

The Clayton le Moors and Altham Development Board deals with all issues affecting quality of life and the local environment such as local policing, local history and health services. The Board would continue as a separate entity to the proposed Neighbourhood Forum, and the social and community aspects of its work would continue unchanged.

The Board meets on a monthly basis and holds 2 open meetings per year advertised by public notices

Proposed constitution for Neighbourhood Forum

A constitution for the Neighbourhood Forum forms part of this application (separate attachment). This is broadly based on the existing Clayton le Moors and Altham Development Board while differing in four respects:

- Narrows the remit, in focusing on the neighbourhood planning process as the means of improving economic, social and environmental wellbeing in the area.
- Widens membership to those working, as well as living in the area, in accordance with requirements of the Act and Regulations
- Extends membership to ward councillors of the relevant local authority wards
- Defines a new geographic area for the Forum, as per the enclosed map

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