

**Dolphinholme Neighbourhood
Plan
Area Designation**

Consultation Report

November 2016

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Neighbourhood planning gives communities the chance to decide where new development should be and what it should look like. For example, new homes, shops and offices. A plan must be in line with the District's Local Plan and is subject to an independent examination and community referendum. If approved, a neighbourhood plan forms part of the district's Local Plan and it is used in helping to make decisions on planning applications.
- 1.2 One of the first stages of developing a neighbourhood plan is to agree the area that this will cover.

2. Background

- 2.1 Ellel Parish Council and Nether Wyresdale Parish Council submitted an application on 8 July 2016 to Lancaster City Council and Wyre Council for Designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area. The Boundary plan was agreed by Nether Wyresdale Parish Council on 9 September 2016 and Ellel Parish Council 22 September 2016 and submitted to Lancaster City Council and Wyre Council on 22 September 2016.
- 2.2 Lancaster City Council and Wyre Council consulted on the application for 6 weeks, from 29 September 2016 to 10 November 2016, before making a decision.
- 2.3 A press release was issued and an information email was also sent out to the planning policy consultation lists (1,759 contacts).
- 2.4 The application letter, completed form and a map of the proposed area could be viewed on both the Council(s) and the Parish Council(s) websites and on the Parishes noticeboard(s)
- 2.5 Comments could be sent to the Planning and Housing Policy Team by email or post.

3. Summary of Consultation Responses

- 3.1 11 organisations responded to the Dolphinholme neighbourhood plan designation area consultation.
 - National Grid 3.11.16
 - Historic England 24.10.16
 - Canal and River Trust 20.10.16
 - Homes and Communities Agency 17.10.16
 - Natural England 14.10.16
 - Lancashire County Council 11.10.16
 - Wildlife Trust 10.10.16
 - Ribble Valley Borough Council 4.10.16
 - Environment Agency 3.10.16
 - Highways England 30.9.16
 - Health & Safety Ex 3.10.16

- 3.2 There have been no objections to the proposed Dolphinholme neighbourhood plan designation area, however a range of advice and guidance has been provided by a number of respondents.
- 3.3 The National Grid provided information in relation to electricity and transmissions.
- 3.4 The Health and Safety Executive highlighted that a number of consultation zones were within the proposed neighbourhood plan boundary. Various issues were raised including housing allocations, workplace allocations and mixed use allocations. They recommended that consultation zones should be marked on future maps to identify future development proposals that could encroach on consultation zones and the extent of any encroachment that could occur. They suggested that proposal maps in site allocation development planning documents may be suitable for presenting this information. They particularly recommended marking the zones associated with MAHPs and the HSE advises that Dolphinholme Parish should contact the pipeline operator for up to date information on pipeline location, as pipeline can be diverted by operators from notified routes. HSE have sent a copy of their response letter to the relevant pipeline operator.
- 3.5 Ribble Valley Borough Council, Canal and River Trust, Homes and Communities, Historic England and the Environment Agency had no comments to make on the area designation.
- 3.6 Highways England has no objection to the application. In developing the plan they would be interested in any development or proposals that may affect the safe and efficient operation of the M6 motorway.
- 3.7 Responses have been received from both Natural England and the Lancashire Wildlife Trust who have provided useful background information and context for future plan preparation.
- 3.8 Lancashire County Council provided useful background information and would like continued and open dialogue offering guidance and advice concerning issues and needs of education affecting the district as a whole a specific parish area.
- 3.9 Should interested parties wish to read the full submissions made in relation to the area designation these are available upon request from the Planning and Housing Policy Team on 01524 582383 or planningpolicy@lancaster.gov.uk.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Following the statutory 6 week consultation, there have been no objections to the proposed Dolphinholme neighbourhood plan designation area. Accordingly the Council will seek to formally designate the Dolphinholme Neighbourhood Plan Area