

Proposal For The Designation Of A Neighbourhood Plan

Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

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Background

Whalley Parish Council began this process when two councillors attended a Neighbourhood Planning seminar in April 2013. An initial proposal was developed that envisaged working in partnership with the adjacent Parish Councils. By the Summer of 2014 it became clear that the other Parishes were more concerned with issues directly affecting them and it became necessary to reconsider options. A revised scheme was put to the Council at the end of 2014. The revised scheme intends to focus only on Whalley Civil Parish and will seek to build on the foundations of the 2004 Parish Plan, itself the outcome of extensive consultation and the key features of which were:

- Traffic through the village
- Parking, parking, parking
- Affordable housing
- Local school places
- Youth provision
- Environmental pressures

On the basis of consultations thus far it seems likely that these broad areas will figure in the plan though the actual weighting and emphases are likely to have changed in the interim. Whalley Parish Council resolved to proceed on this basis at the Council meeting on 15 January 2015 (Item 790/15, Minutes of Whalley Parish Council Meeting of 15 Jan 2015).

Consultation

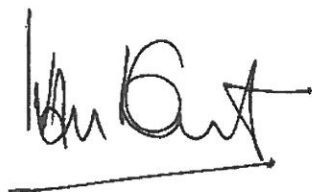
There has already been one public meeting as well discussions with the CPRE adviser, Save Whalley Village, RVBC Officers and Councillors and neighbouring Parish Councils. The outline project plan envisages an initial public meeting followed by extensive consultation leading to a draft plan to be submitted to referendum. At present we are putting together contact lists to engage with local organisations and businesses as well as having a draft website (<http://www.synergesis.com/wnp>) The next step is to form a working group of interested local people to develop the consultation and then steer the plan forward.

Proposed Area

Attached is a boundary map of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan area which corresponds to the Whalley Parish Boundary. The area is chosen in such a way that the issues to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan relate to the entire Parish Boundary.

Appropriate Body

Whalley Parish Council forms a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.



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5th April 2015