

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD

**Record of a decision of the Head of Planning and Building Control [Place Directorate] taken in consultation with Councillor Roy Miller, Cabinet Spokesperson for Place**

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### **Determination of Penistone Town Council Application to Designate a Neighbourhood Area**

**The Application** Penistone Town Council made an application to the Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area on 24 March 2015. The application was subject to a six week period of consultation, from Friday 17 April to Friday 29 May. The application was publicised by means of an advertisement in the Barnsley Chronicle on Friday 17 April, a dedicated webpage on the Council's website and a link from the front page of the Council's website.

One hundred and sixty-two comments were received from one hundred and fifty-two people. 138 people support the application, 24 people either submitted a blank comments form online or made comments but didn't support or object. None of the comments object to the proposed Neighbourhood Area.

Several of the comments supported the proposed Neighbourhood Area as a positive step towards production of a Neighbourhood Plan though one comment expressed concern that the Area includes outlying villages and questioned that these will no longer have their own identity.

However, the Neighbourhood Area proposed aligns to the Town Council boundary. Government advice in Planning Policy Guidance notes that 'In a parished area, a local planning authority is required to have regard to the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish or town council as a neighbourhood area' (Section 61G (4) of the 1990 Act). Further advice is that the local planning authority should aim to designate the area applied for and can refuse to designate the area applied for but must give reasons if it does so.

The comments made can be grouped into issues concerning housing, infrastructure, environment and Green Belt – predominantly issues to be addressed when the Town Council produce their Neighbourhood Plan. Further comments repeat comments submitted in response to the Local Plan consultation, again raising issues to be addressed in the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan.

The area proposed by Penistone Town Council is appropriate in planning terms and the area is duly designated.

#### **Authority**

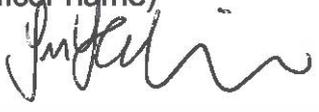
The decision to delegate authority was made at Cab.23.10.2013/8.1 (Minute number 163)

#### **Decision Taken**

Designate the proposed Penistone Neighbourhood Area. A plan of the approved Neighbourhood Area is attached.

Date of Decision: 3 June 2015

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Cabinet Spokesperson  
  
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