

Designation of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum and Harehills Neighbourhood Area

Date: 24/4/2023

Report of: Head of Policy and Plans

Report to: Chief Planning Officer

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief Summary

This report is relating to the Chief Planning Officer being asked to designate the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum and the Harehills Neighbourhood Area, pursuant to Sections 61F and 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and in accordance with Parts 2 and 3(8) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Recommendations

The Chief Planning Officer is requested to designate the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum and the Harehills Neighbourhood Area.

What is this report about?

- This report considers the designation of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum and the Harehills Neighbourhood Area. It covers information relevant to the designations, the duties the Council has in making the designations and the consultations undertaken.
- The proposed Forum intends to undertake neighbourhood planning activities in the Harehills neighbourhood area. This includes taking part in a national neighbourhood planning pilot aimed at simplifying neighbourhood planning and may include the preparation of a neighbourhood plan.

- A copy of the neighbourhood forum application is attached as Appendix 1 which includes a supporting statement that provides further information on forum membership and the work of the interim forum to date.
- The application was publicised, and comments were invited for a period of 6 weeks from 6th February to 20th March 2023. A total of 22 representations were received, 16 in support, 2 opposed and 4 wishing to make no comment. A table summarising the written comments received and any necessary response to these comments by the Council is attached as Appendix 2.
- Neighbourhood Planning links well to all three pillars of the Council's [Best City Ambition](#):
 - Health & Wellbeing – Neighbourhood planning can contribute to improvements in healthy and active living on a local level, as well as helping to address needs such as housing and improving access to local facilities and services and the green environment.
 - Inclusive Growth – Neighbourhood planning is open to all Leeds communities and the Council is pro-active and positive in the support that it provides. The neighbourhood planning process involves setting out a neighbourhood vision which the plan will positively seek to deliver, for 'shaping' development, delivering projects and working collaboratively. Meaningful engagement through the neighbourhood planning process can help build community capacity and resilience that can help neighbourhoods to achieve their ambitions.
 - Zero Carbon – Neighbourhood planning offers many opportunities to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, as well as promoting active travel locally as well as protecting and enhancing habitats and local food production.
- It is recommended that the Chief Planning Officer designates the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum and the Harehills Neighbourhood Area, subject to the formal adoption of a constitution by the neighbourhood forum pursuant to Sections 61F and 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and in accordance with Parts 2 and 3(8) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

Background

- 1.1 The Interim Harehills Neighbourhood Forum has been led by a steering group who have guided the neighbourhood planning activity undertaken so far.
- 1.2 The interim Forum is participating in a national pilot study with Leeds City Council and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities which runs from October 2022 to October 2023. This is called 'Simpler Approach to Neighbourhood Planning' and aims to increase participation in neighbourhood planning in deprived areas. The intended output at the end of the pilot is a Community Priorities Statement.
- 1.3 Designation of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum and Harehills Neighbourhood Area is the next step in the process and will enable the group to proceed with the formal preparation of a Community Priorities Statement and subsequently, a neighbourhood plan.

Neighbourhood Forum

- 1.4 The application proposes an initial membership of 27, made up of 14 residents, 4 people who work/carry out business in the area (including an elected member), and 9 businesses or organisations in the area.

Neighbourhood Area

- 1.5 A significant proportion of the boundary perimeter was pre-determined by the existence of the adjacent neighbourhood areas – Chapeltown, and Mabgate, Lincoln Green and Burmantofts (MLGB). In general, it was agreed that the architecture of the neighbourhood was an important determinant of its geographical reach, notably the Victorian and Edwardian terraced houses. However, some areas within the proposed boundary extend to include streets that were constructed after this time. In some cases, they have been included because they would otherwise have been left out of a Neighbourhood Area. In most other cases, the boundary decision has been made based on where residents, workers and organisations feel Harehills is, as understood through informal discussions. Much of this zone is also in the Gipton and Harehills Ward.
- 1.6 No part of the proposed Neighbourhood Area overlaps any part of any other Neighbourhood Area (in fulfilment of Section 61G(7) of the Act).
- 1.7 No part of the proposed Neighbourhood Area consists of or includes the whole or any part of the area of a parish (in fulfilment of Section 61G(3)(b) of the Act).

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards Affected: Gipton and Harehills; Burmantofts and Richmond Hill; Little London and Woodhouse; Roundhay

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 2.1 The Harehills Neighbourhood Area falls within Gipton and Harehills, Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, Little London and Woodhouse and Roundhay Wards (one building only). Ward Members are encouraged to participate in the neighbourhood planning process and will be kept informed of progress both by the Neighbourhood Forum and Officers.
- 2.2 If designated, the proposed Forum will be tasked with delivering a 'Community Priorities Statement' and may also go on to deliver a neighbourhood plan for the Harehills Neighbourhood Area (also under consideration here).
- 2.3 There are two other areas in Leeds taking part in the national pilot; Chapeltown Neighbourhood Forum and the Mabgate, Lincoln Green and Burmantofts Neighbourhood Forum. This presents an important opportunity to work together on cross-boundary and other issues as they arise.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 3.1 The Interim Harehills Neighbourhood Forum has been led by a steering group who have guided the neighbourhood planning activity undertaken so far, as well as community consultation and engagement through a series of meetings and workshops from 2021-2023.
- 3.2 These meetings and workshops provided opportunities to determine if there was enough interest to produce a neighbourhood plan, discuss the neighbourhood area boundary, understand community issues and aspirations, and establish a constitution etc. Attendee contact details were taken at every meeting and added to a communication list.
- 3.3 The Forum has kept in touch with members and the wider community via email, social media, flyers and community events, as well as formal and informal social networks.
- 3.4 Once the Forum has been formally designated, recruitment of additional members will continue through local engagement activity to help ensure that the Forum is as representative as it can be. This will be focussed on those who live, work or carry out business in the area.
- 3.5 The application was publicised, and comments were invited for a period of 6 weeks from 6th February to 20th March 2023. A total of 22 representations were received, 16 in support, 2 opposed and 4 wishing to make no comment. A table summarising the written comments received and any necessary response to these comments by the Council is attached as Appendix 2.

What are the resource implications?

- 4.1 The Forum will be eligible to apply to Locality for funding and, if the Forum is designated, will also be able to apply to Locality for direct support to assist with the preparation of the neighbourhood plan.
- 4.2 Support will be provided by the Council's planning service, with input from the localities team. The amount of support provided will depend on the capacity of the neighbourhood forum, the level of funding they receive and available resources within the Council.

What are the legal implications?

- 5.1 A prospective forum should apply to the local planning authority for designation, setting out how it has met the requirements of [section 61F\(5\) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as applied to Neighbourhood plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#).
- 5.2 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 specify the criteria that must be met and included in neighbourhood forum applications. An application must include the following, as required by the Regulations:
 - The name of the proposed neighbourhood forum;
 - The name and contact details of one key member of the proposed forum;
 - The name of the neighbourhood area to which the application relates;
 - A copy of the draft constitution; and
 - A map of the area and a statement which explains how the proposed neighbourhood forum meets legislative requirements.
- 5.3 The Regulations state that a local planning authority may designate an organisation or body as a neighbourhood forum if the authority is satisfied that it meets the following conditions:

- It is established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of an area that consists of or includes the neighbourhood area concerned (whether or not it is also established for the express purpose of promoting the carrying on of trades, professions or other businesses in such as area);
- Its membership is open to individuals who live in the neighbourhood area concerned;
- Individuals who work there (whether for businesses carried on there or otherwise and elected members).

5.4 The membership of a neighbourhood forum must include a minimum of 21 individuals each of whom:

- Lives in the neighbourhood area concerned;
- Works there (whether for a business carried on there or otherwise);
- Is an elected representative.

5.5 The Interim Harehills Neighbourhood Forum has completed a neighbourhood forum application, which includes the name of the proposed neighbourhood forum, a map of the proposed neighbourhood area, contact details of one forum member, membership details, and a supporting statement detailing how the application has met legislative requirements.

5.6 From the information provided, the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum will:

- Develop a Community Priorities Statement, and afterwards, a Harehills Neighbourhood Plan that promotes and improves social, economic, and environmental justice and quality of life for people living in the Harehills Neighbourhood area.
- Actively seek the views of stakeholders.
- Meet the needs of the neighbourhood's diverse population through imaginative, creative, responsive, and inclusive planning and development proposals based on principles of co-production.
- Amplify the voices of the Harehills communities in collaborative and creative problem solving.
- Enable the participation of all people living in Harehills and ensure this informs the preparation, production, and implementation of the Community Priorities Statement and any future Harehills Neighbourhood Plan.
- Promote a positive image of Harehills.
- Assist in establishing and maintaining positive collaborative relationships across the area.
- Create a community directory and network.
- Work collaboratively with neighbouring Forums.

5.7 The Forum has an initial membership of 27, made up of 14 residents, 4 people who work/carry out business in the area (including an elected member), and 9 businesses or organisations in the area.

5.8 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 specify that an application for neighbourhood area designation must include:

- a map which identifies the area to which the area application relates;
- a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and
- a statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Councillors or other elected members

- 5.9 The Council have assessed the application and supporting statement and it is considered that the proposed Neighbourhood Forum meets the legislative requirements and should therefore be designated.
- 5.10 Ward members were consulted via email on 30th March 2023, and Cllr Salma Arif responded with her support. Cllr Helen Hayden was briefed virtually on 19th April 2023 and also expressed her support of the designation.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 6.1 Neighbourhood planning generally presents several risks at all stages, but these can be minimised with close collaboration, as demonstrated by the Council's support of many neighbourhood planning groups through successful neighbourhood plan preparation and referendum processes since 2012.
- 6.2 The examination and referendum processes in particular introduce risk in the neighbourhood planning process where the outcome will be dependent on the examiner's recommendations and a public vote. The Council seeks to manage this risk by working closely with designated areas to ensure that their neighbourhood plans complete the independent examination successfully, and that regular public consultation and engagement take place to ensure that the plan has the support of the public in their neighbourhood area.

Does this proposal support the council's 3 Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth

Health and Wellbeing

Zero Carbon

- 7.1 The Government has undertaken an Equalities Impact Assessment of the Localism Act in relation to neighbourhood planning (2011). The Council views the neighbourhood planning process as an opportunity to deliver equality, diversity, cohesion and integration objectives.
- 7.2 A climate emergency was declared at Council meeting 27th March 2019. This has significantly raised the interest in planning and development issues in communities across the city. For neighbourhood plans, the Council is encouraging groups to include policies and projects which respond positively to climate change issues.
- 7.3 The Interim Harehills Neighbourhood Forum has declared its intention to facilitate the creation of a 'Community Priorities Statement' and a possibly a neighbourhood plan which will help to establish a sustainable future for Harehills.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 7.4 No other options were considered as the application for Forum designation is considered to meet relevant legal requirements and the designation of the Forum would be consistent with the Council's support for neighbourhood planning in Leeds.

How will success be measured?

7.5 Success will be measured through the successful preparation of a 'Community Priorities Statement', and the preparation of a neighbourhood plan if that is what the local community want. Officers are working with the community to agree what will constitute a successful 'Community Priorities Statement'.

What is the timetable for implementation?

7.6 It is anticipated that a 'Community Priorities Statement' will be agreed by the end of 2023. Dependent on the success of the pilot and other local priorities, the neighbourhood forum may then use the pilot as a foundation to prepare a neighbourhood plan.

Conclusions

8.1 The application submitted by the Interim Harehills Neighbourhood Forum meets legislative requirements and has a proposed membership which is broadly representative of those who live, work and carry out business in the Harehills Neighbourhood Area. The application shows a clear desire to work in partnership with the Council and adjoining Neighbourhood Forums on the preparation of the Harehills Neighbourhood Plan and other matters.

8.2 The Chief Planning Officer is recommended to:

- Designate the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum and the Harehills Neighbourhood Area, pursuant to Sections 61F and 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and in accordance with Parts 2 and 3(8) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Harehills Neighbourhood Forum Application

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31st January 2023

For the attention of: Ian Mackay, Neighbourhood Planning Team Leader

Dear Mr. Mackay,

Application for designation of Harehills Neighbourhood Forum and Harehills Neighbourhood Area

I am writing to apply for the designation of a Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area under Sections 61F and 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and in accordance with Parts 2 and 3(8) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The application meets with all the legislative provisions and requirements.

The name of the Neighbourhood Area is Harehills Neighbourhood Area and I enclose an application document which includes:

- Information about the proposed Forum, boundary and membership
- Constitution
- Boundary map
- Membership map

On behalf of the interim Harehills Neighbourhood Forum, we look forward to the Council's designation of the Neighbourhood Area once statutory consultation procedures have been met.

Yours Sincerely

Karen Harris (Interim Forum Member)

On behalf of the Interim Harehills Neighbourhood Forum

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Application for the designation of Harehills Neighbourhood Forum and Harehills Neighbourhood Area

Introduction

This application is submitted to Leeds City Council for the designation of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum and Harehills Neighbourhood Area under Sections 61F and 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and in accordance with Parts 2 and 3(8) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. As required by the legislation, the application contains the following:

- The name of the proposed neighbourhood forum
- The name of the neighbourhood area to which the application relates and a map to identify the area
- The contact details of at least one member of the proposed neighbourhood forum
- A copy of the written constitution
- A statement which explains how the proposed forum meets the legal requirements

The Neighbourhood Forum

Name

The name of the proposed neighbourhood forum is Harehills Neighbourhood Forum.

How the Forum meets the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Harehills has a rich history, from the back-to-backs that make up most of the residential dwellings in the area, and the old schools and churches, to the newer buildings such as the mosque and library extension, a huge array of shops, and all the people who have lived and worked in the area since it first began to be developed in 1887.

Since that time, Harehills has been one of the areas that people new to Leeds would first move to and make their home; initially migrants came from elsewhere in England, but later, there were waves of immigration from abroad, beginning with Eastern Europe, then South Asia, the Caribbean, and eventually, all over the world.

The Harehills residents bring culture, diversity and heritage to the area and it means different things to different people. Generations of families have set up businesses and projects here and helped shape the Harehills of today. This willingness to change and provide for our newest neighbours has helped create a place with a wonderfully multicultural community, with food and ingredients available to buy from all around the world, and places to worship for people of many different faiths. However, there is no existing community group that is neighbourhood-wide and open to all, that offers the opportunity to consider Neighbourhood Planning and other issues, or where residents or other stakeholders can come together to develop a vision for Harehills – the pilot seeks to deliver this.

From 2021 the Interim Neighbourhood Forum members have been asking residents, businesses, and people with a connection to Harehills, where exactly they consider to be Harehills, and what Harehills means to them. We asked if they would like to find out how a Neighbourhood Plan and forum could empower the Harehills community, if they would like to build a strong forum of people committed to making Harehills wonderful for every citizen, and invited them to dream big and share their vision for everything they would like Harehills to be. The outcome of these conversations and our Dream Big events, which were held in lots of different places across the area, has helped us

identify what location local people recognise as Harehills, what they love about Harehills and what they would most love to change about Harehills.

Twelve themes were identified in these initial workshops:

1. Ensure that the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum Area benefits from the economic development of the City and funds that are in place to offset the impact of wider development on people living in Harehills.
2. Safeguarding our environment - Protection from noise, pollution, and inappropriate development. Supporting businesses to develop in a way that is beneficial both to them and the communities they serve.
3. Historical Conservation and restoration - Preserving and celebrating the buildings and diverse social history of the area where possible.
4. Campaigning for the development of co-designed community spaces and buildings that are inclusive and encourage people to come together as well as providing opportunities for groups to meet and pursue specific interests and life-long learning.
5. Developing and enhancing our green spaces and repurposing neglected areas to co-design play areas, sport pitches and quality open spaces that suit all ages and needs.
6. Improving walking and cycling routes around the area by the development of green corridors that connect community amenities. Improve transport links to other parts of the city and reduce through traffic around residential areas.
7. Improving waste disposal and recycling provision – it is not currently sufficient to meet the needs of the community, and opportunities for recycling and responsible large waste disposal are poor.
8. Improving the energy efficiency of housing - Ensuring that people in one of the most deprived areas have access to energy saving infrastructure and housing.
9. Ensuring better quality services are delivered to people in Harehills - A disproportionate number of vulnerable people are housed in Harehills, and appropriate support must be provided to ensure that existing residents are not negatively impacted.
10. Improving education and youth provision - Harehills has one of the youngest populations. More needs to be done to support young people in education and extra-curricular activities that will improve their wellbeing and life chances. Few young people in Harehills access city wide educational and recreational facilities as they lack the means to get there so it is important that this inequality of access is addressed.
11. Supporting older people and people who have disabilities - Many older people in Harehills become increasingly isolated as their terraced housing becomes unsuitable for their physical needs. People either become housebound and isolated or have to move out of the area, cutting them off from communities they know and love.
12. Improving community safety and wellbeing – Many residents are under constant stress and fear from anti-social behaviour, noise nuisance, street drinking and speeding cars. Drug dealing has a big impact on the area along with, knife crime, serious assault, sexual exploitation and modern slavery.

The Forum will continue to work to identify themes so it can develop plans for improvement; they may be added to, developed or removed as appropriate throughout the Neighbourhood Planning Pilot process. The Forum is committed to building a community in which every person, with their own hopes and dreams, is equally valuable and precious. It aims to amplify the talent and voices of people living and working here, and develop a neighbourhood where all can thrive.

The Forum aims and objectives are therefore:

1. Develop a Community Priorities Statement, and afterwards, consider developing a Harehills Neighbourhood Plan that promotes and improves social, economic, and environmental justice and quality of life for people living in the Harehills Neighbourhood area.

2. Actively seek the views of stakeholders.
3. Meet the needs of the neighbourhood's diverse population through imaginative, creative, responsive, and inclusive planning and development proposals based on principles of co-production.
4. Amplify the voices of the Harehills communities in collaborative and creative problem solving.
5. Enable the participation of all people living in Harehills and ensure this informs the preparation, production, and implementation of the Community Priorities Statement and any future Harehills Neighbourhood Plan.
6. Promote a positive image of Harehills.
7. Assist in establishing and maintaining positive collaborative relationships across the area.
8. Create a community directory and network.
9. Work collaboratively with neighbouring Forums.

Membership

Membership of the Forum is open to:

- Individuals who live in the area
- Individuals who work in the area
- All community organisations that operate in the area
- Business, educational establishments that operate in the area
- Elected representatives from each Local Authority Ward (Gipton and Harehills, and Burmantofts and Richmond Hill)
- Individuals who have a material and on-going social, cultural, economic or financial interest in or involvement in the area who support the purpose of the Forum

The interim forum membership comprises 27 people who live, work, and / or carry out business in the area:

	Name	Address	Lives / Works / Carries out business / Elected Member
1	AA	LS8 5BZ	Works
2	AC	LS9 6DA	Works
3	AH	LS9 6AU	Works
4	AH	LS9 6AG	Lives
5	BG	LS8 5BY	Lives
6	CB	LS9 7AL	Lives
7	CO	LS9 9AL	Works
8	DE	LS9 6HW	Lives
9	ET	LS9 6LS	Lives
10	GM	LS8 5HS	Works
11	IP	LS8 5BW	Works
12	JH	LS9 7BG	Carries out business
13	JL	LS8 5PH	Lives
14	KH	LS8 5BR	Lives
15	KG	LS8 5BY	Lives
16	LK	LS8 5PB	Works
17	PW	LS9 6TW	Lives
18	QK	LS8 5LE	Works
19	RS		Works

20	Cllr Salma Arif		Elected member
21	SB	LS9 6NB	Lives
22	SJ	LS8 3RN	Lives
23	SS	LS8 5HS	Works
24	TB	LS8 3PH	Lives
25	TS	LS8 3AN	Lives
26	TJ	LS8 5BR	Lives
27	TW	LS8 5LF	Works

Membership is indicated on a map in Appendix 3.

Contact details of a member of the neighbourhood forum for which the Council has express consent to make available as part of the forum publicity and designation process:

Name: Ms Karen Harris

Address: 27 Ashton Grove, Harehills, Leeds, LS8 5BR

Email: harehillsneighbourhoodforum@gmail.com

Constitution

The written constitution for the proposed Harehills Neighbourhood Forum is included in Appendix 1. This will be ratified by the Forum at its first meeting as a designated neighbourhood forum.

The Neighbourhood Area

Name

The name of the proposed neighbourhood area is Harehills Neighbourhood Area.

Boundary justification

The boundary of the proposed Harehills Neighbourhood Area is identified in Appendix 2. It has been debated by members of the group, taking into account a wide range of considerations as to how it should be determined, and its extent.

A significant proportion of the boundary perimeter was pre-determined by the existence of the adjacent neighbourhood areas – Chapeltown, and Mabgate, Lincoln Green and Burmantofts (MLGB). Some members of the group were unhappy that areas that have always been widely acknowledged as Harehills have been incorporated into other neighbourhood areas, particularly in the case of Chapeltown regarding streets to the West of Roundhay Road. It was decided, in the interests of establishing a Harehills Neighbourhood Area, that this would not be contested at this time.

In general, it was agreed that the architecture of the neighbourhood was an important determinant of its geographical reach. Most of the area was built in the late Victorian and Edwardian periods, comprising back-to-back and through terraced housing and shop-houses, with some institutional and industrial sites (e.g. schools, churches and factories). This dense urban area has a distinctive character (street layout, building design and materials), and this means that many of the residents face the same types of issues, for example, in relation to lack of green space, traffic and waste management. The terraced streets between Compton Road and York Road share their architectural character and house type with those in much of the rest of Harehills and many residents there consider themselves to

be in Harehills despite being in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward. Since they were not included in the MLGB Neighbourhood Area, it is appropriate for them to be included in Harehills.

Some areas within the proposed boundary extend to include streets that were constructed after this time, and they have a different character. In some cases, they have been included because they would otherwise have been left out of a Neighbourhood Area. This applies to the area of housing North of York Road and West of Harehills Lane which is not included in the MLGB Neighbourhood Area for example. York Road is a major road and acts as a physical barrier so it would be difficult to justify these houses as being better placed in any future Neighbourhood Area to the South of the road.

In most other cases, the boundary decision has been made based on where residents feel Harehills is – informal discussions covered whether 'Harehills' features in the postal address, whether the name of a place indicates it is part of the neighbourhood, and whether a place is part of the network of facilities used by residents (e.g. schools, faith buildings, community centres, shops and businesses). For example, staff and parents of pupils at St. Augustine's School and Co-op Academy Woodlands consider themselves to be in Harehills, and Harehills Park and Harehills Cemetery have historically been considered part of Harehills (i.e. since before Gipton existed). Likewise, residents in the St. Wilfrid's series of streets feel that they are in Harehills. The line between Harehills and Gipton was consequently selected to reflect these discussions, and rather than use a blanket approach to the boundary based on the centre lines of roads, a boundary line between rear gardens was selected. This means for example, that properties accessed from the Harehills 'side' are included and those that are accessed from the Gipton 'side' are not. Similarly, to the North of the boundary area, at Harehills Corner, businesses, and residents who use them, consider that area to be Harehills. Much of this zone is also in the Harehills ward so the decision can also be justified based on that.

The interim Forum has not yet been designated but has the capability of being designated, and therefore the capability of being a relevant body. It is currently taking part in the DLUHC pilot 'Simpler Approach to neighbourhood planning' and it is intended that the group will go on to make a neighbourhood plan.

Appendix 1

Harehills Neighbourhood Forum

CONSTITUTION

Communities Co-Producing a better future for everyone in Harehills

1.0 Name of the Area:

1.1 The name of the forum will be

Harehills Neighbourhood Forum

1.2 The area covered by the Forum will be shown on the attached map of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum Area.

2.0 Aims and Objectives

2.1 What the forum wants to achieve:

a) Develop a Harehills Neighbourhood Plan that promotes and improves social, economic, and environmental justice and quality of life for people living in the Harehills Neighbourhood area.

- b) Actively seek the views of residents, organisations, volunteers, businesses, and landowners to identify local issues and collaborate with the local planning authority and services to resolve issues raised.
- c) Meet the needs of the neighbourhood's diverse population through imaginative, creative, responsive, and inclusive planning and development proposals based on principles of co-production.
- d) Amplify the voices of the Harehills communities in collaborative and creative problem solving.
- e) Enable the participation of all people living in Harehills as well as taking guidance from elected local government members and people working, investing, and volunteering in the area or who have connections to the area. Ensure this informs the preparation, production, and implementation of the Harehills Neighbourhood Plan.
- f) Promote a positive image of Harehills
- g) Assist in establishing and maintaining positive collaborative relationships across the area between communities, generations, and organisations. Nurture inclusion and a sense of community.
- h) Create a directory and network of local projects, community assets and services to improve access to up-to-date relevant information.
- i) Work collaboratively with neighbouring Forums where there are shared community assets that are important to people. Boundaries must not become barriers to mutual development and improvement.

The Neighbourhood Plan will work to develop plans around themes identified in workshops co-run with local people.

These are some of the issues that have been raised so far:

1. Ensure that the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum Area benefits from the economic development of the City and funds that are in place to offset the impact of wider development on people living in Harehills.
2. Safeguarding our environment - Protection from noise, pollution, and inappropriate development.
Supporting businesses to develop in a way that is beneficial both to them and the communities they serve.
3. Historical Conservation and restoration – Preserving and celebrating the buildings and diverse social history of the area where possible.
4. Campaigning for the development of co-designed community spaces and buildings that are inclusive and encourage people to come together as well as providing opportunities for groups to meet and pursue specific interests and life-long learning. Spaces need to host events and activities that are family friendly and develop intergenerational activities that value the needs of elders and the contributions they can make to the community. Community cafes that allow people to meet and access affordable food and refreshments and just hang out are much needed.
5. Developing and enhancing our green spaces and repurposing neglected areas to co-design play areas, sport pitches and quality open spaces that suit all ages and needs.
6. Improving walking and cycling routes around the area by the development of green corridors that connect community amenities. Improve transport links to other parts of the city and reduce through traffic around residential areas.

7. Waste disposal and recycling - This is an issue that negatively impacts all who live in Harehills. Since the removal of the Stanley Road Recycling Centre without any local alternative being offered, fly tipping is a constant blight. Also 80% of Harehills green bins were removed by the council. As a result bin provision is not sufficient to meet the needs of the community, opportunities for recycling and responsible large waste disposal are poor.

8. Energy saving housing future proofing – Ensuring that people in one of the most deprived areas have access to options and energy saving infrastructure and housing.

9. Ensuring better quality services are delivered to people in Harehills - A disproportionate number of vulnerable people are housed in Harehills, and appropriate support must be provided to ensure that existing residents are not negatively impacted.

10. Education and Youth Provision - Harehills has one of the youngest populations. More needs to be done to support young people in education and extracurricular activities that will improve their wellbeing and life chances. Few young people in Harehills access city wide educational and recreational facilities as they lack the means to get there so it is important that this inequality of access is addressed.

11. Supporting older people and people who have disabilities - Many older people in Harehills become increasingly isolated as their terraced housing becomes unsuitable for their physical needs. People either become housebound and isolated or have to move out of the area, cutting them off from communities they know and love.

Any new housing development must include accessible single storey and supported living options that are prioritised for people in Harehills who need accessible housing.

12. Community Safety and Wellbeing – Many residents are under constant stress and fear from anti-social behaviour, noise nuisance, street drinking and speeding cars. Drug dealing has a big impact on the area along with, knife crime, serious assault, sexual exploitation and modern slavery. More must be done to support young people to avoid being pulled into criminal activities through grooming, peer pressure and family circumstances.

The disproportionate housing of parolees and other supervised tenants in Harehills must be addressed. It sets up those trying to rehabilitate to fail and has a terrible impact on residents who may have up to 4 or more poorly supervised houses on one street. Children and young people are being exposed to many more negative influences than elsewhere in the city and this is socially unjust.

Police and youth services must develop better links with communities to co-produce prevention schemes and alternative activities for young people. including support with issues that leave them vulnerable to negative influences. The Council and Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team must address the housing policies that impact the area liaising with support organisations to ensure that people in need get good positive behaviour support and are not disproportionately housed in one area of the city.

Individual communities must not be scapegoated for issues that are caused by institutional neglect, social inequality, deprivation or prejudice.

3.0 What the Forum will do

3.1 In order to meet the aims and objectives the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum will:

a) Co-Produce a sustainable and inclusive Neighbourhood Plan by and for the communities within the designated Harehills Neighbourhood Area. (See Map)

b) Maintain a Neighbourhood Forum Website and Facebook Page giving details of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum Area plus a means to contact the forum and access this constitution, policies agreed by the Forum and minutes of meetings.

- c) Organise at least 4 Open Meetings or other equivalent events per year, including the Annual General Meeting (AGM), to which all forum members will be invited.
- d) Ensure that meetings are welcoming to everyone and run in an open, inclusive, and empowering way.
Where necessary seek to arrange other creative ways of gathering the opinions of people who may not want to attend formal meetings.
- e) Whilst some roles may need to be formalised for registration purposes the Harehills forum will be facilitated in a non-hierarchical way with co-working roles and rolling chairs agreed by Active Members (members willing to take on tasks for the Forum). This will give opportunities for people to experience taking up different roles.
- f) Raise money and apply for funding where necessary to support the activities and aims of the forum.
- g) Employ paid staff and recruit volunteers where needed.
- h) Buy or rent premises/equipment/employ or commission services as needed.
- i) Conduct further research and gather information about the area and the communities living in it to support the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and ensure that it meaningfully reflects the experiences of as many communities as possible.
- j) Work in partnership with different organisations that work in the interests of the Neighbourhood Area.
- k) Ensure that the forum is not influenced by any one political group or organisation and that the focus is always on what is best for people living in Harehills.
- l) Work with members to develop policies around how we work that are accessible and easy to follow.
- m) Always seek to uplift and celebrate the diversity of our community and our forum members, from all races, religions, and backgrounds.
- n) We will run activities and events at different times and dates so that people have the opportunity to join events around their family and work commitments.
- o) Forum meetings and events will welcome parents, carers and their children, any marginalized or disempowered groups, older people, people who have physical disabilities or learning disabilities, LGBTQ, culturally diverse groups, women etc. We will seek disability accessible spaces wherever possible and provide an access guide to each venue and commit to looking for and highlighting venues that have prayer space.

4.0 Values

4.1 The Forum and its Active Members will uphold the following values:

Inclusion

Fairness

Equity

Respect for all

Representative of the Neighbourhood

Welcoming of speakers of any language

Accessible to people of all abilities and ages

A community led group

4.2 The Forum is committed to equality of opportunity and maintains and applies Equal opportunities Policy in all of its activities. "We will accept all gender, race, sexual preference, disability, religion, economic, class, family, parental, marital and residence status in this forum. We will treat each other equally and with respect"

5.0 Annual General Meeting

5.1 The first AGM will be held once the Forum has been officially designated. Future AGMs will be held within a period of 12 months of the last AGM.

5.2 Information on elections to the Active Members (including how to stand) will be sent out to Forum members prior to the AGM, along with an agenda, at least 7 days prior to the AGM.

5.3 Active Members may call Special General Meetings if there is an urgent matter consider outside of the AGM cycle. At least 7 days advance notice shall be provided of Special General Meetings.

5.4 Whilst meeting the legalities expected of any constituted group, the AGM's and any other meeting run by the forum will not be stuffy or overly formal. Active participation of everyone who attends will be facilitated by using tools for inclusion (communications cards, jargon busters and graphic facilitation) and creative ways to encourage and inspire discussion. Ground rules will be co-developed to ensure all participants feel confident

5.5 The agenda for each AGM will include:

- a) Consideration of any business announced in the AGM agenda.
- b) Consideration of the Annual Report of work done by the Forum.
- c) Election of an Active Members of no fewer than 7 and no more than 12 members who will work as described in this Constitution to run the business of the Forum and to make decisions on its behalf between AGMs and General Meetings (see Section 7.0).
- d) Submission and adoption of independently examined accounts for the Forum, consisting of a statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet for the previous financial year.
- e) A review of the guidelines and policies of the Forum, including of this Constitution and the Equal Opportunities Policy.

6.0 Open Meetings

6.1 The Active Members may call Open Meetings of the Forum as appropriate but as a minimum they should be held 4 times per year.

6.2 The agreed agenda, after members have been invited to add items for discussion, for each Open meeting will be published at least 7 days in advance.

6.3 Attendance at General Meetings (or any Forum meeting) is open to anyone who lives, works, or carries out business within the neighbourhood area.

7.0 The Active Members (members willing to take on responsibilities and tasks needed to keep the Forum functioning).

7.1 Active Members will be appointed at the Forum's AGM, who will be responsible for the day-to-day business of the Forum and will meet at least 6 times a year.

7.2 The Active Members will include no fewer than 7 and no more than 12 members, the majority of whom will be residents in the Neighbourhood Area.

7.3 The Active Members will appoint a Forum Chair, Secretary and Treasurer (which may be shared roles) at its first meeting and thereafter at its first meeting after every AGM.

7.4 The Active Members may co-opt up to 3 additional members who will retire at each AGM.

7.5 The Active Members may appoint sub-groups or task groups to focus on particular areas of work that have been agreed. These will be guided by, and report to, the Active Members.

7.6 The quorum for any Active Members meeting shall be at least 50% of the Active Members.

7.7 Notification of Active Members meetings and the agreed agenda (after active members have had the opportunity to add items for discussion) will be sent out at least 7 days before the date of the meeting to all Active Members.

7.8 The Active Members may dismiss a member of that Active Member Group (because of any inappropriate behaviour) at an Active Members meeting at which this is an agenda item if two thirds of Active Members present vote to do so.

In seeking to develop a representative Active Members Group and Sub-Groups, we will follow equal opportunities guidelines when making these appointments and apply the principles of co-production to the development of any projects.

8.0 Rules at Meetings

8.1 The following rules apply to all meetings, including Open Meetings, Active Members Meetings and the AGM:

- a) Chairing – each meeting has a chair. The chair of the meeting makes sure that the business of the meeting gets done in an orderly and respectful way. They will use tools for inclusion to ensure that everyone gets a chance to share their ideas and thoughts.
- b) Decision Making – the Forum endeavours to make decisions by consensus, but in the case of a vote, decisions are made by simple majority of those present and entitled to vote. When the vote is tied, the chair of the meeting has a second, casting, vote.
- c) Speaking – all members are entitled to speak at meetings and, at Open Meetings, all members of the public are entitled to speak. The chair of the meeting has the power to impose time limits on speeches.
- d) Quora – the number of people who need to be present at Active Members meetings in order to carry out a vote is laid out in paragraph 7.6. There is no quorum for Open Meetings or the AGM.

9.0 Membership

9.1 Membership of the Forum shall be open to all residents who are over 18 and living in the area, all those who work or have businesses in the area, and elected members for the area. The forum will make sure that young people are given opportunities to have a say and experience active citizenship.

9.2 Applications for membership shall be made in writing, email, or phone to the Neighbourhood Forum.

9.3 Applications can be made by individuals, organisations, or voluntary groups. Organisations or voluntary groups accepted into membership must designate an individual or a deputy to represent them.

9.4 Members can attend Forum meetings and are eligible to vote on proposals put forward by the Forum.

9.5 There must be a minimum of 21 members made up of the following:

- a) Individuals who live in the Harehills Neighbourhood Area Boundary;
- b) Individuals who work in the Harehills Neighbourhood Area Boundary (whether for businesses carried on there or otherwise);

c) Individuals who are elected members of the City Council whose area falls within the Harehills Neighbourhood Area Boundary.

9.6 There is no maximum number of members.

9.7 People who joined the forum before it was officially recognised will be considered for official membership at the first Formal Meeting of the Forum (When the Forum has been officially recognised). They will be accepted if a majority of those voting at the meeting approve them.

9.8 Subsequent applications will be considered at Forum meetings and deemed accepted if approved by a simple majority of members present.

9.9 All members of the Forum have a duty to declare at application stage any financial, party political, employment, land ownership and other organisation links that could have an impact on their, or the Forums work.

9.10 Membership of any individual, organisation or voluntary group can be withdrawn at an Open Meeting where this has been specified as an agenda item and two thirds of members present vote in favour of this.

9.11 Any member who wishes to resign must provide the Secretary with written notice and will be given support on how to do this if needed.

9.12 The Chair will have the casting vote on matters relating to elections and resolutions, and all voting will be determined by a show of hands.

9.13 Supporting membership is open to individuals who do not meet the requirements in 9.1, but have an interest in assisting the Forum to achieve its aims and objectives.

10.0 Finance

10.1 Any monies acquired by the Forum shall only be used to help achieve the aims and objectives of the Forum as set out in Section 2.0 of this Constitution.

10.2 The treasurer will keep a proper account of the finances of the Forum, where necessary supported by receipts or invoices, and shall ensure that the Forum has a bank account in its own name.

10.3 All transactions in any format must be authorised by at least 2 of the following 3 Active Members – the Treasurer, Chair or Secretary. This is without exception.

11.0 Complaints

11.1 Any complaints about the behaviour of a member of the Forum or sub-Task Groups, in relation to the work undertaken can be made in confidence, in writing to the Secretary unless the complaint is about the Secretary in which case it shall be made to the Chair.

11.2 The elected officers of the Forum will look into the complaint and decide on action as appropriate. If the complaint concerns the officers themselves – they will remove themselves from this investigation and other members of the forum will be appointed in their place.

11.3 If people do not think their complaint has been considered fairly, they have the right to appeal. Appeals will be considered by three members of the Active Members Group who have not been involved in the issue being raised.

12.0 Alteration of Constitution

12.1 This Constitution can only be changed at an AGM or Special General Meeting of the Forum. Any change to the Constitution requires a simple majority of votes of the members present and who are entitled to vote.

13.0 Disbanding of Forum

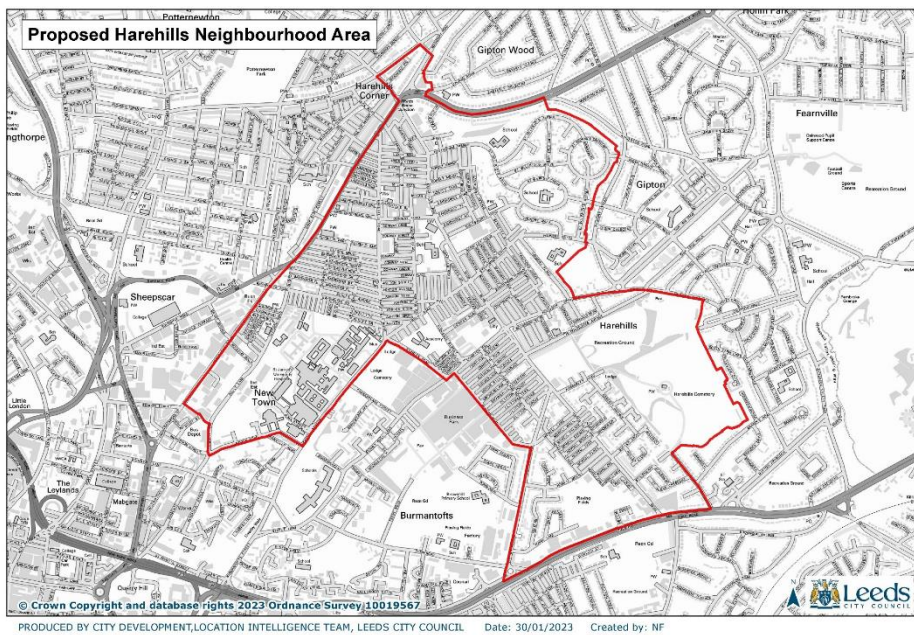
13.1 The Forum can only be disbanded at a duly advertised Special General Meeting called for the purpose of deciding whether to disband, to which all Forum members shall be invited. The decision to disband the Forum shall be taken if supported by two thirds of members at the Special General Meeting.

13.2 If the Forum is disbanded, any assets held in the name of the Forum (after payment of all debts and liabilities) will be disposed of to other organisations having similar objectives to those of the Forum as agreed by a majority of remaining members.

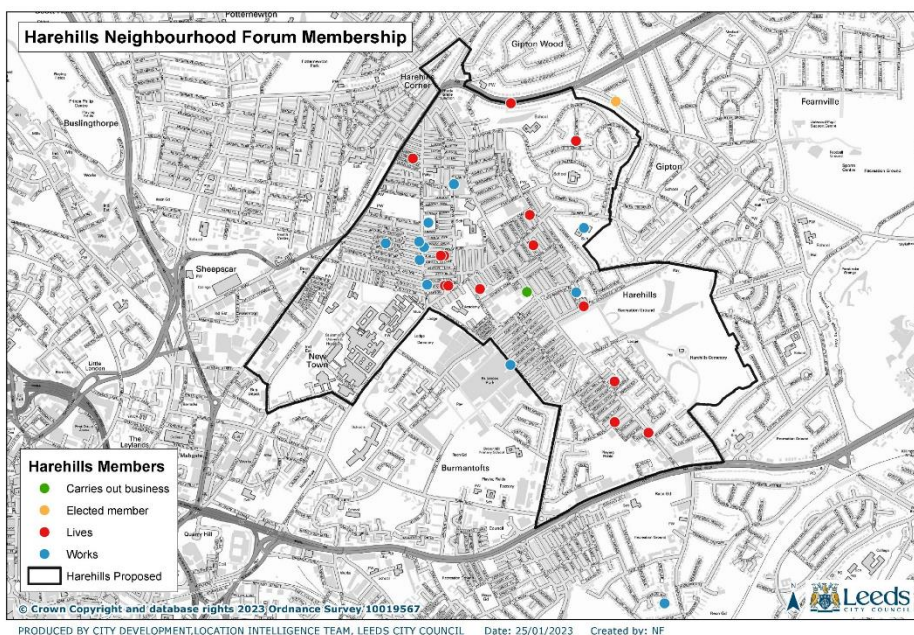
14.0 Extending Life of Forum

14.1 The Forum is designated for a period of five years. However, the Forum can apply to have the designation renewed.

Appendix 2



Appendix 3



Appendix 2 – Neighbourhood Forum Application Publicity: Representations Received

Organisation	Response to online survey, which asked “Do you agree with the proposal to designate the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum?”	Comments	Response
Green Party (helper)	Yes	I agree as long as the citizens who live in the neighbourhood also are notified about the neighbourhood forum	<p>To be designated a neighbourhood forum must have a membership that includes a minimum of 21 individuals who either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live in the neighbourhood area • work there; and/or • are elected members for a local authority that includes all or part of the neighbourhood area <p>The legislation requires a neighbourhood forum to have an open membership policy. All members of the community are encouraged join the Forum if they are interested, and to help ensure inclusive representation of the community.</p> <p>The neighbourhood forum should be inclusive and open in the preparation of its neighbourhood plan or Order and ensure that the wider community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is kept fully informed of what is being proposed • is able to make their views known throughout the process • has opportunities to be actively involved in shaping the emerging neighbourhood plan or Order • is made aware of how their views have informed the draft neighbourhood plan or Order.

Organisation	Response to online survey, which asked "Do you agree with the proposal to designate the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum?"	Comments	Response
Harehills Park Bowling Club	No	<p>Such a big area is included in this plan without consulting with many large groups in the areas proposed.</p> <p>Dates of meetings have not been publicly shared and it is noted an elected member of Leeds council is a member of the forum.</p> <p>How can it be possible that long established groups known to members in this forum be excluded from discussions? This would only be seen as a positive should they (the forum) perceive these groups to object to their proposals in future. For this reason I cannot agree for Harehills Park being included in a neighbourhood hood plan for Harehills. The park is closer to Gipton and although named Harehills it is bordering with Gipton and most members do not live, work or carry out work in the park. That is until very recently presumably to now support their application.</p>	<p>The forum have been active over the past 18 months and have organised many community meetings that have been open to everyone. The Bowling Club will be invited to future meetings.</p> <p>Elected members are positively encouraged to be members of neighbourhood forums.</p> <p>The legislation requires a neighbourhood forum to have an open membership policy. All members of the community are encouraged join the Forum if they are interested, and to help ensure inclusive representation of the community.</p> <p>A significant proportion of the proposed boundary was pre-determined by the existence of adjacent designated neighbourhood areas. Architecture was another determinant, as well as in some cases, a desire to include areas which would have otherwise been left out of a neighbourhood area. In other cases the decision was based on where residents, workers and organisations feel Harehills is, as understood through informal discussions.</p> <p>The formal Neighbourhood Area designation process will allow any issues regarding the proposed neighbourhood area to be dealt with in an open and transparent way. Your representation and the planning merits of the proposed boundary, or an alternate boundary, will be considered.</p>
National Highways		<p>Many thanks for the opportunity to be consulted on the Designation of the Harehills neighbourhood forum. On behalf of National Highways I confirm that we have no formal comments to make - as we would not be involved in the grant of this, nor does the boundary of the Parish directly impact on the strategic road network.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
Natural England		<p>Thank you for your letter dated 06/02/2023 notifying Natural England of the above Neighbourhood Planning Area.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

Organisation	Response to online survey, which asked “Do you agree with the proposal to designate the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum?”	Comments	Response
		<p>Natural England does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body.</p> <p>However, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information sources the neighbourhood planning body may wish to use in developing the plan, and to highlight some of the potential environmental risks and opportunities that neighbourhood plans may present. We have set this out in the annex to this letter.</p> <p>Natural England’s role Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. The local planning authority will be aware and should advise the neighbourhood planning body when Natural England should be consulted further on the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Planning policy for the natural environment Neighbourhood plans and orders present significant opportunities, but also potential risks, for the natural environment. Proposals should be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. The key principles are set out in paragraphs 170-177. The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils; • recognising the wider benefits of ecosystem services; • minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible, contributing to the Government’s commitment to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures; 	

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		<p>The attached annex sets out sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues you may wish to consider as the neighbourhood plan or order is developed.</p>	
Sport England		<p>Thank you for consulting Sport England on the consultation to designate a ‘Neighbourhood Area’ for Harehills, prior to the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan. Advice below to help with further stages of the Neighbourhood Plan process.</p> <p>Government planning policy, within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.</p> <p>It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 98 and 99. It is also important to be aware of Sport England’s statutory consultee role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England’s playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.</p> <p>https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy</p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on developing planning policy for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the</p>	Comments noted.

Organisation	Response to online survey, which asked "Do you agree with the proposal to designate the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum?"	Comments	Response
		<p>development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded. https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications</p> <p>Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 99 of the NPPF, this takes the form of assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.</p> <p>Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work. http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance</p>	

Organisation	Response to online survey, which asked “Do you agree with the proposal to designate the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum?”	Comments	Response
		<p>If new or improved sports facilities are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes. http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/</p> <p>Any new housing developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.</p> <p>In line with the Government’s NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how any new development, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England’s Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.</p> <p>Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.</p>	

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		<p>NPPF Section 8: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities</p> <p>PPG Health and wellbeing section: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing</p> <p>Sport England’s Active Design Guidance: https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign</p> <p><i>(Please note: this response relates to Sport England’s planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)</i></p>	
The Coal Authority		<p>Thank you for your notification received on the 6th February 2023 in respect of the above consultation.</p> <p>The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. As a statutory consultee, The Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas.</p> <p>Our records indicate that within the identified Neighbourhood Plan area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including: mine entries, shallow coal workings and surface mining activity. These features may pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.</p> <p>The Coal Authority’s records also indicate that surface coal resource is present in the area, although this should not be taken to imply that mineral extraction would be economically viable, technically feasible or environmentally acceptable. As you will be aware those authorities with responsibility for minerals planning and safeguarding will have identified</p>	Comments noted.

Organisation	Response to online survey, which asked "Do you agree with the proposal to designate the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum?"	Comments	Response
		<p>where they consider minerals of national importance are present in your area and related policy considerations. As part of the planning process consideration should be given to such advice in respect of the indicated surface coal resource.</p> <p>We note that this consultation relates to the designation of the area only and on this basis we have no specific comments to make. However, should any future Neighbourhood Plan propose to allocate any new sites for development consideration will need to be given to the risks posed by any recorded coal mining features which may be present.</p>	
Resident	No	No one organisation has the right to represent the whole of Harehills, nor does it represent the whole of Harehills	<p>The legislation requires a neighbourhood forum to have an open membership policy. All members of the community are encouraged join the Forum if they are interested, and to help ensure inclusive representation of the community.</p> <p>Harehills Neighbourhood Forum will be tasked with preparing a 'Community Priorities Statement' or a neighbourhood plan and will be one element of the Harehills Community. Existing (and new) means of representation will continue.</p>
Resident	Yes	Much needed.	Comments noted.
Resident	Yes		No response required.
Resident	Yes		No response required.
Resident	Yes	I agree in principle but cannot see how Gipton or parts of should be included without consulting residents of that area. Yes there is is but not everyone has the ability or resources to give their opinions. The plan is named Harehills neighbourhood plan people looking at it would not expect part of Gipton to be included. Maybe a letter to all residents in the area to make people aware would be the way forward. I have lived in	A significant proportion of the proposed boundary has already been pre-determined by the existence of adjacent designated neighbourhood areas. Other aspects that have influenced the proposed boundary include local architectural styles, site visits, discussions and workshops locally.

Organisation	Response to online survey, which asked "Do you agree with the proposal to designate the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum?"	Comments	Response
		Gipton almost 40 years and if I hadn't been involved with Harehills Bowling Club I would have not known anything regarding this.	There is an opportunity for the Gipton community to become involved in neighbourhood planning and anyone living in or close to the Gipton-Harehills boundary can be a member of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum.
Resident	Yes		No response required.
Resident	Yes		No response required.
Resident	Yes	Yes I agree with the proposal as it is fair, well considered and much needed.	Comments noted.
Resident	Yes	Ironically, Harehills evolved as a place for people from the overcrowded Leeds city centre apparently as part of a vision to create a 'New Leeds.' Today, it is Harehills that suffers from extremes of overcrowding, being one of the most densely populated parts of the city. In fact, at the last (2021) census, Harehills South recorded one of the highest deprivation rates in the city. Despite the very real levels of poverty and deprivation, what Harehills lacks in material wealth, it more than makes up for with the richness and diversity of its population. Unfortunately, for many people, this is not something to be celebrated but to be stigmatised. And so, despite generations of immigrants finding a place of safety in Harehills, its multicultural, multiracial, multiethnic, multilingual, multifaith communities are not valued. Instead, they are often targeted as the source of all of the problems in Harehills, from litter, to poor housing, to crime. There are many challenges for the people who live in Harehills. The back-to-back housing is part of a rich historical tapestry, but successive housing policies have allowed a small number of predatory landlords to benefit from the housing misery of thousands of people. Even the Selective Licensing policy has not had the impact it could/should have had on the area, as landlords have used the regulations as a reason to evict tenants, superficially fix up properties and rent them out again at extortionate rates. Too many people with vested interests in maintaining the status quo are in positions of power in Harehills from those on powerful lobbying committees, to councillors.	The designation of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum will be an important milestone in the development of the neighbourhood and an opportunity for all those who live, work and carry out business in the neighbourhood area.

Organisation	Response to online survey, which asked "Do you agree with the proposal to designate the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum?"	Comments	Response
		<p>Not enough questions are asked. And why? Because Harehills is the 'experimental zone,' the 'zone of research.' The place that people try out new policies and if they fail (like road systems) they won't be introduced elsewhere but the locals will have to live with them. And if universities and organisations want to understand multicultural Britain, they come to Harehills and talk to the organisations with the highest profiles but not necessarily the ones that truly represent the people of the area.</p> <p>Harehills deserves its own voice, its own platform from which to speak, to proffer its views and to challenge the policies that do little to make life better. It doesn't have to be wonderful just less awful from recommissioning recycling bins and recycling facilities for local people, to ensuring rogue landlords are dealt with (not tenants), to keeping green spaces green, to protecting trees and bushes and flowers, to removing random cars from the streets, to cutting down on bad dog owners so many things that are trivial in the grand scheme of things but are available to other parts of the city. And most of all better transport. People of Harehills can go to the city and back. Otherwise every journey takes hours. How do you build aspirations without allowing people to see what else is out there? The time is NOW for Harehills people to have a voice, to have a forum, and to make a plan.</p>	
Resident	Yes	I strongly agree to the Harehills Forum, it's important for Harehills to be heard! The issue we face, day to day, litter, the crime on the streets, the domestic violence, the people are living in fear, not realising there's help & support out there! Am thanking, that there's a Neighbourhood watch, the organisations that are already involved, am truly grateful, to make Harehills a better place to live in!	The designation of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum will be an important milestone in the development of the neighbourhood and an opportunity for all those who live, work and carry out business in the neighbourhood area.
Resident	Yes		No response required.
Resident	Yes	We need a forum made up of people who care about the area they live in and are aware of the areas strengths and weaknesses. Local people know what needs to be improved and how. We know what's working	The designation of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum will be an important milestone in the development of the neighbourhood and an

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		and what's not and can collaborate together to decide how best to move forward.	opportunity for all those who live, work and carry out business in the neighbourhood area.
Resident	Yes	It is a positive thing for this area.	The designation of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum will be an important milestone in the development of the neighbourhood and an opportunity for all those who live, work and carry out business in the neighbourhood area.
Resident	Yes		No response required.
Resident	Yes	I have lived in Harehills for 30 years and always been active as a community volunteer. I have watched with increasing dismay as the area as gone into decline due to a combination of systemic neglect and poor community and environmental planning, despite community efforts to improve things. Like many other long standing residents I have been consulted to death over the years, giving my time to consultations promising to change that have come to nought. I have watched young children grow into adults without ever benefitting from improvements that might have improved their life chances. This has to change and I hope the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum can help to ensure this.	The designation of the Harehills Neighbourhood Forum will be an important milestone in the development of the neighbourhood and an opportunity for all those who live, work and carry out business in the neighbourhood area.
Resident	Yes		No response required.