

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Application for the Designation of a Neighbourhood Forum (Regulation 8)



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This form has been prepared by Rochdale Council to help simplify the application process for designation of a neighbourhood forum. You do not have to use the form. Please note that the information provided on this application form and its supporting documents will be made public. **If you require any further clarification, or would like to discuss the proposed Neighbourhood Forum with the Council before you submit your application, please contact the Strategic Planning Service via email at LDF.consultation@rochdale.gov.uk**

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Regulations 8, 9 and 10 requires details **of at least one member** of the proposed neighbourhood forum to be made public.

1. Applicant Details

Contact name: Alan Rawsterne

Organisation name: Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum - to be registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Address: Care of:- Owd House, Fern Hill Lane, Rochdale. OL12 6BW

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: 01706 354161 – mobile [REDACTED]

2. Name of Proposed Neighbourhood Forum

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum

3. Name of Proposed Neighbourhood Area – Please give the name of the relevant neighbourhood area and attach a map identifying the extent of the area.

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Area

4. Written Constitution (please attach)

Constitution attached (please tick)

5. Statement

This section provides the opportunity to set out the purpose, aims and ambitions of the neighbourhood forum and to demonstrate how its membership is representative of the local community.

In order for the Council to designate a neighbourhood forum to act on behalf of a neighbourhood area, it needs to be satisfied that the following conditions contained in Section 61F (5) of Schedule 9 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act) are met:

- a) it is established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of 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 an area)
- b) membership is open to and includes a minimum of 21 individuals each of whom:
 - live in the neighbourhood area;
 - work in the neighbourhood area;
 - carry out business in the neighbourhood area (for example, represent the area as a local councillor or as a Member of Parliament).
- c) it has a written constitution (as detailed in Section 2)

Please set out the purpose, aims and ambitions of the proposed neighbourhood forum here:

The RMNF has been established to promote and improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the Rooley Moor Area. This will be achieved by agreeing a vision for the Rooley Moor Area, preparing development policies (that conform with local and national planning policies) to achieve this vision and by preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Rooley Moor area which embodies these policies and any other appropriate purpose agreed by the forum.

Our values are to conduct forum affairs ethically and observe the 'Nolan Principles', the seven principles of public life, namely Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership; and to pursue equality of opportunity in terms of its membership, its conduct and its proposed Plan.

Membership is open to all individuals who live, work, pursue recreational activities and carry out business in the area, ward councillors and individuals who are elected members.

The initiating group requested information about neighbourhood planning through the Spotland and Falinge Area Forum. This was followed up by conversations with the planning officers of Rochdale Borough Council and from these conversations the proposed neighbourhood area was drawn up. The proposed area is predominantly rural and residential. There are a number of listed buildings in the area and the majority of houses are of a similar style being stone built and privately owned. Business in the area includes farming, equestrian and bed & breakfast. Other business professionals living and working from the area include accountants and teachers.

An initial consultation on the principles of a neighbourhood plan has been carried out by small group discussions and email. The first formal meeting of the forum has yet to be held, however, sufficient people have volunteered to become officers and members of the forum – please see the attached register of forum officers and members to be proposed at the first meeting following designation.

There are initially 26 people who wish to be a members of the forum. They bring a range of expertise including, finance, marketing, tax, project management, information technology,

education, accounting, business owners, walkers, equestrians, anglers and members of the clergy. The majority of forum members are residents who live or work in the area, plus our Ward Councillor and business representatives with their businesses dependent on our area. Members have expressed a desire to:

- Achieve conservation area status for Catley Lane Head, the Cotton Famine Road and Fern Hill
- Attract sympathetic development by putting the area on the map as an asset to be developed for tourism and traditional outdoor activity
- Link the area with two of the borough's beauty spots. Healey Dell nature reserve and Greenboth/Naden reservoirs - both of which have interesting histories

6. Membership of proposed Neighbourhood Forum

A minimum of 21 members is required, each of whom must live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area, or be an elected member (whose area falls within the neighbourhood area).

The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 require a Neighbourhood Forum to comprise a good cross section of the Neighbourhood Area so as to be considered representative.

	Name	Address and or Postcode	Interest in Neighbourhood Area			
			Lives in area	Business in area	Works in area	Cllr or MP
1	A Rawsterne	OL12 6BW	Y	N	N	
2	F Healey	OL12 6BW	Y	Y	N	
3	J Newcombe	OL12 6BD	Y	N	N	
4	A Meek	OL12 6BD	Y	N	Y	
5	N Marr	OL12 8XN	Y	N	N	
6	J Lord	OL12 8XN	Y	N	N	
7	J Holt	OL12 7JG	N	N	N	
8	M Stirzaker	OL12 6BH	Y	N	N	
9	C Stirzaker	OL12 6BH	Y	N	N	
10	H Moore	OL12 6BH	Y	N	N	
11	A Moore	OL12 6BH	Y	N	N	
12	C Biant	OL12 7JP	N	N	N	Y
13	R Thorniley	OL11 4BQ	N	N	N	
14	P Howard	OL12 6BW	Y	N	N	
15	M Morgan	OL12 6BH	Y	N	N	
16	S Morgan	OL12 6BH	Y	N	N	
17	W Mcghee	OL12 6BN	Y	N	N	
18	D Ireland	OL12 6BN	Y	N	N	
19	D Ireland	OL12 6BN	Y	N	N	
20	D McGhee	OL12 6BN	Y	N	N	
21	G Fitton	OL12 6BN	Y	N	N	
22	I Pope	BL9 6RD	N	N	N	
23	C Thomas	BB4 9NG	N	N	N	
24	C T Perkins	OL12 6BD	Y	N	N	
25	N Green	OL12 6BW	Y	N	N	
26	D Madgin	OL12 6BD	Y	N	N	
27	G Ogden	OL12 6BN	Y	N	N	
28	J Ogden	OL12 6BN	Y	N	N	

7. Declaration:

I hereby apply for the designation of a neighbourhood area as described in this form and shown on the accompanying plan.

Signed: Alan Rawsterne

Dated: 13/08/2015

8. Next Steps

Following the submission of the neighbourhood forum and area application form the Council will:

- check the application is valid;
- publish the application for a minimum six week period to allow for representations; and
- consider representations and make a decision whether to designate a neighbourhood forum and area.

Once a neighbourhood forum is designated it can then engage and consult with the wider community to develop a plan for their neighbourhood.

Please submit this form, and attached documentation, by email at LDf.consultation@rochdale.gov.uk

Alternatively, please post the form and supporting documents to:

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