

COLLINGHAM with LINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Mr Mackay,

Collingham with Linton Parish Council – Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area - Collingham

The Parish Council hereby apply for designation of a neighbourhood area in respect of Collingham, and provide the information required by Part 2 paragraph 5(1) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The proposed area to be designated is shown on the map included with this letter reference JCH/ss/002. This comprises the whole of the Parish south of The River Wharfe. The area north of the River Wharfe has already been designated a neighbourhood area for Linton.

The Parish Council consider this area appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

1. Collingham is separated from Linton by the River Wharfe, the two settlements being linked only by Linton Bridge. The boundary is therefore clearly defined and known to all residents.
2. The emerging Leeds City Council Core Strategy introduces a hierarchy of settlements. Collingham is a “smaller urban settlement”. Linton falls in to the category Village/Rural settlement. The need for development and the need for supporting infrastructure and services in Collingham may therefore be significantly greater than in Linton.
3. As there is to be a referendum at the end of the process it may be more appropriate that the residents of Collingham exercise democracy in respect of their village and similarly the residents of Linton exercise democracy in respect of their own village.
4. Our existing Parish Plan and Village design Statements have always recognised Collingham as a separate village to Linton.
5. We have consulted with our neighbouring parish of East Keswick. Both parishes have agreed to work together and cooperate in delivering their Neighbourhood Plans. To this extent we have agreed a Memorandum of Understanding which is included with this application. By working in such a manner we have given the residents of Collingham who live actually across the Parish

Boundary in East Keswick, significant influence over both Neighbourhood Plans. The Parish Councils believe this to be the most appropriate way to overcome this boundary anomaly.

The area proposed lies entirely within the Parish of Collingham with Linton and therefore the Parish Council is a relevant body for the purpose of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Collingham with Linton Parish Council therefore request that Leeds City Council commence the process of publicising the Linton application, and look forward to hearing your decision on our application.

Yours sincerely

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Clerk to the Parish Council
Encs. Sketch Map JCH/ss/002
Memorandum of Understanding.