

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

Application for re-designation to Rossendale Borough Council

Name

The name of the Forum is the Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum. The Forum was first designated by Rossendale Borough Council on 23rd April 2018. In accordance with the conditions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 the designation will expire after five years on 22nd April 2023. The Forum wishes to be re-designated for a further period of five years.

Constitution

The original Constitution was approved by the members at a General Meeting held on 5th December 2017 and subsequently amended by the members at General Meetings held on 5th February 2018 and 26th March 2019. A copy of the latest Constitution as of 26th March 2019 is attached to this application.

Area

The area covered by the Forum is defined as Edenfield and is shown edged purple on the attached map titled Appendix A.

Contact

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Statements

The following statements explain how the Forum meets the conditions contained in section 61F(5) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, as amended.

Statement 1 – Relevant body

The Forum is considered to be a relevant body under the Localism Act 2011.

The purposes of the Forum are detailed in clause 2 of the Constitution and the principal ones are listed below:

2.1 To prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the Area which will pay particular attention to housing, economic regeneration, conservation, environmental development and social needs.

2.2 To promote or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Area and to promote the carrying on of trades, professions and other businesses in the Area.

2.3 To establish plans for conservation and sustainable development of the Area in a manner that is in keeping with the existing environment.

2.4 To foster the goodwill and involvement of the whole community, inclusive of all ages, ethnicity, faith, gender, health and sexual orientation in fostering community spirit and pride.

2.5 To encourage the Area to be a place with a clear social conscience, where community, environment, education, history and heritage matter and where there is a sustainable and secure future.

Statement 2 - Membership

The Forum had 33 members when designation was first applied for in February 2018. The Forum now has 337 members as at 31st December 2022 including two Eden Ward Borough Councillors and the Member of Parliament for Rossendale & Darwen. All these members reside in the Area with the exception of one of the Eden Ward Councillors and the Member of Parliament who both reside outside.

At least 2.4% of the current members carry out a business in the Area.

The age profile of the current members based on the date on which they joined is:

- Age under 30 5%
- Age 30-45 27%
- Age 46-60 32%
- Age 60+ 36%.

All developed areas of the Neighbourhood Area are well represented by members of the Forum. The location of the homes of current members is summarised:

- Central (Market Street and adjoining streets) 35%
- North (Burnley Road, Blackburn Road and adjoining) 15%
- South West (Exchange St, Highfield Road, Oaklands Road and adjoining) 22%
- South East (Rochdale Road and adjoining) 16%
- South (Bolton Road North, Croft Acres and adjoining) 12%

Clause 5 of the Constitution states that membership is open to individuals aged over 18 who live in the Neighbourhood Area or who work in the Area whether for a business carried on there or otherwise. Membership is also open to Rossendale Borough Councillors and Lancashire County Council Councillors and MPs whose constituencies include Edenfield. Membership shall be representative of the diversity, character and inclusivity of the community and businesses in the Area.

Eligible individuals may join the Forum at anytime either online through the website or by submitting an application form. Membership is regularly publicised through newsletters and the Forum's website and social media pages.

