



APPENDIX 6 CONSULTATION STATEMENT

Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This consultation statement has been produced to accompany the Draft Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan. It sets out the consultation that has taken place prior to 31st October 2023 and prior to submission to Rossendale Borough Council.
- 1.2 This statement is organised into sections which each outline different consultation stages or audiences:
 - Section 2 details the establishment of the Neighbourhood Forum and the Neighbourhood Area
 - Section 3 details engagement with the community from 2017
 - Section 4 engagement with Rossendale Borough Council from 2017
 - Section 5 covers the consultation on the Regulation 14 version of the Neighbourhood Plan in 2023 and the consequent changes made to the Plan

2. Establishment of the Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area

- 2.1 Edenfield Village Residents Association arranged a public meeting on 3rd October 2017 to discuss the proposals in Rossendale Borough Council's draft Local Plan as they pertained to Edenfield. The attendance was estimated at 170. Discussions included the possibility of setting up a Neighbourhood Forum in Edenfield so locals could have a greater say in how their area could develop while still conforming to the Rossendale Local Plan. It was agreed that a meeting be held on 9th October 2017 for those interested in establishing a Neighbourhood Forum.
- 2.2 25 residents attended the meeting on 9th October (minutes Appendix 1) and unanimously agreed to proceed with the formation of a Neighbourhood Forum. It was also agreed that the boundary of the Neighbourhood Area be the same as the boundary of Eden Ward which includes the villages of Chatterton, Edenfield, Irwell Vale, Strongstry, Stubbins and Turn. A Steering Group was appointed.
- 2.3 The first meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum was held on 5th December 2017 with an attendance of 24 with four apologies (minutes, Appendix 2). It was agreed that the Forum be named the Eden Community Neighbourhood Forum and the Constitution was adopted.
- 2.4 The second meeting of the Forum was held on 5th February 2018 with an attendance of 16 with eight apologies. The Forum now had 31 members. Due to a lack of support from the other villages in Eden Ward it was agreed to amend the Neighbourhood Area boundary. The new boundary which only included the village of Edenfield was agreed (Appendix 3). It was also agreed that the name of the Forum be changed to the Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum (ECNF).
- 2.5 An application for designation of the Forum and the Neighbourhood Area was submitted to Rossendale Borough Council on 21st February 2018 and the consultation period commenced on 23rd February 2018. The Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum and the Neighbourhood Area was designated by Rossendale Borough Council on 23rd April 2018 and re-designated on 18th April 2023 following a six week consultation which commenced on 1st March 2023. The designation expires on 18th April 2028.
- 2.6 During this period, ECNF has worked very closely with the Edenfield Village Residents Association (EVRA) which provided support and assistance throughout the

establishment of ECNF. This support and assistance continues throughout the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

3. Community Engagement

3.1 The following communications and events helped to inform the community about the Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan. Engagement with residents, local developers, and businesses has informed the draft Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan at all stages of its preparation.

- **March 2018, first ECNF Newsletter** - The Newsletter (Appendix 4) was distributed to all households in Edenfield. It included information on the role of the Neighbourhood Forum and the purpose of a Neighbourhood Plan.
- **30th April 2018, ECNF meeting** - There were 37 attendees with nine apologies (minutes, Appendix 5). The meeting included details of the proposed process for preparing the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **9th June 2018, Edenfield Village Fete** - A village fete was organised by the Edenfield Village Residents Association and over 600 adults attended. ECNF had a stand at this event with displays to promote the organisation and the work it was doing. An additional 73 residents became members of the Forum bringing the total membership up to 201.
- **14th August 2018, ECNF meeting** - There were 37 attendees with 23 apologies (minutes, Appendix 6). The meeting included a detailed update of the progress on preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **19th August 2018, Online scoping questionnaire** - A questionnaire was distributed by e-mail to all online members of ECNF with the request to circulate to other residents (Appendix 7). The questionnaire aimed to understand respondents' opinions of Edenfield and how they would like it to evolve. There were 157 responses to this questionnaire.
- **7th September 2018, Workshop** - The Workshop was chaired by ECNF's planning consultants, Troy Planning + Design, and was held at Edenfield Cricket Club. It was attended by sixteen ECNF members representing diversity in age, gender and residence location. The Workshop included a village walk about and discussion of the preliminary results of the online questionnaire. The information and comments received from attendees and the results of the online questionnaire formed the basis of the initial draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **26th March 2019, first ECNF Annual General Meeting** - There were 29 attendees with 20 apologies (minutes, Appendix 8). The meeting included a detailed update of the progress on preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

- **May 2019, second ECNF Newsletter** - The Newsletter (Appendix 9) was distributed to all households in Edenfield. It included an update on the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **3rd June 2019, Design Code Engagement Session** - The session was organised with AECOM Ltd who had been appointed earlier in the year to prepare a Design Code report for incorporation in the Neighbourhood Plan. Eleven members of ECNF attended. The purpose of the session was for AECOM to explain more about the Design Code and its relevance to Neighbourhood Planning, determine if they had understood the context of the neighbourhood correctly, understand the design opportunities for potential new developments in Edenfield, and to gather feedback and opinions.
- **29th February 2020, Consultation event for residents and businesses** - The event was held from 10am to 2pm at the Edenfield Community Centre and was publicised by leaflets distributed to all households in the Neighbourhood Area (Appendix 10), notices on notice boards and in the Rossendale Free Press and e-mails to ECNF members. There were 99 attendees. The event was divided into four stations each with visual display boards plus hard copies of the relevant report for attendees to read through. The stations were:
 1. Introduction
 2. Design Code
 3. Evidence base (Factbook, Locally Important Views and Local Green Spaces)
 4. Vision, Objectives and Policies

Each station had a laptop with an online questionnaire for completion by visitors plus hard copies for manual completion if preferred. Responses to the questionnaires recorded any outstanding questions by attendees that were not able to be answered during the course of the workshop, along with an email to reach attendees with answers to their questions. Responses also recorded the extent to which attendees agreed or disagreed with the direction of the neighbourhood plan or the means of data collection used to support the plan. Responses to these questions are displayed in Appendix 11, and there was a very strong agreement with the visions and objectives of the plan, and of the methods used to gather evidence and justify policy.

- **9th March 2020, Consultation event for non-resident landowners** - The event was held at the offices of Troy Planning + Design in Manchester. Four landowners and/or their planning advisors attended separately with each having up to one hour to view, discuss and give feedback on the information provided, which focused on the draft plan policies, proposed key views and local greenspace designations, and the baseline analysis used to provide justification to the policies. The displays and information were similar to those used at the resident consultation on 29th February.
- **14th July 2022, second ECNF Annual General Meeting.** The meeting was originally scheduled for March 2020 but was postponed due to Covid restrictions. The meeting was opened up to all residents of the village. There were 46 attendees with 7 apologies (minutes, Appendix 12). The meeting included an update of the progress on preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **21st March 2023, third ECNF Annual General Meeting.** The meeting was opened up to all residents of the village. There were 21 attendees with 4 apologies (minutes subject to approval at next meeting, Appendix 13). The meeting included an update of the progress on preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

- **3rd March 2023 to 17th April 2023 Consultation on the Regulation 14 version of the Neighbourhood Plan**

The consultation was publicised by leaflets distributed to all households and businesses in the Neighbourhood Area (Appendix 14), notices on notice boards and in the Rossendale Free Press, e-mails to ECNF members and postings on the ECNF website and Facebook. The leaflet included a summary of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan was available for viewing digitally on the ECNF website and in hard copy at Rawtenstall Library during the consultation period and at the Edenfield Community Centre for two hours on 7th March and on 28th March.

Feedback was requested through a Feedback Form (Appendix 15) with hard copies available for completion manually and digitally through the ECNF website.

A consultation event was held from 10am to 2.30pm on Saturday 11th March 2023 in Edenfield Community Centre. There were 55 attendees. Hard copies of the Plan were available to view as well as visual display boards. Members of the ECNF Management Committee were on hand to provide information and answer questions. Feedback forms were available for completion manually and laptops available for completion digitally.

Statutory consultees were contacted by e-mail (Appendix 16). A list of the statutory consultees contacted is shown in Appendix 17.

Details of the responses received during the consultation period and the subsequent changes made in drafting the submission version of the Plan are covered in Section 5 below.

4. Engagement with Rossendale Borough Council

- **Meeting 17th October 2017** (attendees: RBC Forward Planning - Nicola Hopkins, Adrian Smith; ECNF - Ian Lord, Alan Ashworth). ECNF informed RBC of the proceedings of the public meeting on 3rd October 2017 and the subsequent residents meeting on 9th October which had agreed to establish a Neighbourhood Forum for Eden Ward.
- **Meeting 11th January 2018** (attendees: RBC Forward Planning - Adrian Smith, Nathaele Davies; ECNF - Ian Lord, Alan Ashworth). The draft constitution of the Neighbourhood Forum was discussed and a minor amendment made. The Neighbourhood Area was also discussed and a revised boundary suggested.
- **Meeting 13th March 2018** (attendees: RBC Forward Planning – Nicola Hopkins, Adrian Smith, Nathaele Davies; ECNF - Ian Lord, Alan Ashworth, Paul Williams; Troy Planning + Design – Troy Hayes, Thomas O’Kane). RBC advised on the progress of the application for designation of the Neighbourhood Forum which was currently going through public consultation.
- **Meeting 25th April 2018** (attendees: RBC Forward Planning – Nicola Hopkins, Adrian Smith, Nathaele Davies; ECNF - Ian Lord, Alan Ashworth, Paul Williams; Troy Planning + Design – Troy Hayes). RBC confirmed the approval of ECNF’s application for designation of the Forum and Neighbourhood Area.
- **Meeting 7th September 2018** (attendees: RBC Forward Planning – Mike Atherton, Adrian Smith, Nathaele Davies; ECNF - Ian Lord, Alan Ashworth, Richard Lester; Troy Planning + Design – Troy Hayes, Thomas O’Kane). ECNF updated RBC on progress on the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **Meeting 30th July 2019** (attendees: RBC Forward Planning – Mike Atherton, Anne Storah, Nathalie Davies; ECNF - Ian Lord, Alan Ashworth, Richard Lester Troy Planning + Design – Troy Hayes). ECNF updated RBC on progress on the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and presented the draft Vision, Objectives and Policy Headings.
- **Subsequent to July 2019** there were no formal meetings between ECNF and RBC to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. However, there was regular interchange of information and advice by e-mail and telephone.

5. Regulation 14 Consultation

5.1 The consultation on the Regulation 14 version of the Neighbourhood Plan was held from 3rd March 2023 to 20th April 2023. Details of how the consultation was publicised and of the consultation event are given in Section 3 above.

5.2 Information on the responses received during the consultation and on the subsequent amendments to the Plan are detailed in the paragraphs that follow.

Summary of responses received

Responses were received from:

- Rossendale Borough Council, Forward Planning
- Nine other statutory consultees and four local organisations
- One developer – Pegasus Group on behalf of Taylor Wimpey (UK) Ltd
- 47 individuals

5.3 Responses received from the consultees are summarised in the following sections.

Responses from Rossendale Borough Council

5.4 The Council made many comments. These are summarised:

- Pointing out sections that were not compliant with the Rossendale Local Plan
- Suggesting clarifications
- Pointing out minor inaccuracies and errors

5.5 After exchange of correspondence appropriate amendments were incorporated in the Submission Version of the Plan which substantially reflected the comments made and were agreed by the Council.

Responses from other statutory consultees

5.6 In addition to the Council the other statutory consultees and local organisations consulted are listed in Appendix 16. Information on the responses is detailed below:

5.7 The **Environment Agency** commented that:

- Policies that seek to conserve and enhance the environment could be enhanced by the need for developers to demonstrate a minimum 10% biodiversity net gain.
- The protection and enhancement of existing watercourses could be added to policies NE5 and NE6.
- The addition of the requirements of NE5 and NE6 could be applied to site H67.
- Policies D1 and D2 could be extended to add other sustainability measures such as water efficiency and EV charging points to energy efficiency measures.

- 5.8 The comments were incorporated in the Submission Version of the Plan where appropriate.
- 5.9 **National Highways** suggested Policy T2 be amended to provide that any development proposal would be expected to generate more than 30 two-way vehicle trips should also include an assessment of the impact of traffic generated at the A56/M66 junction (Junction '0') and at M66 Junction 1. Policy T2 has been amended appropriately.
- 5.10 **LCC Local Flood Authority** made a number of comments concerning assessment of flood risk, reducing the causes and impacts of flooding and enhancing Rossendale Local Plan policies. As the Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate sites for housing it was considered that it was not appropriate to add to the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Practice Guidance and the Rossendale Local Plan policy ENV9. Consequently no amendments to the Plan were made.
- 5.11 **Sport England** commented that it is essential that Plan policies should reflect and comply with national planning policy for sport and specified policies that should be amended. The relevant policies in the Plan have been amended where appropriate.
- 5.12 **Edenfield & District Community Association** strongly agreed with policies LC1, GI1, T2 and NE5 and suggested that policy NE5 be extended to require safe non-vehicular access to the Community Centre. Policy NE5 of the Plan has been amended accordingly.
- 5.13 **Edenfield Cricket Club** agreed with the principle of policy LC1 but suggested a change to policy LC1.4. The change was considered along with the comments of Sport England and appropriate amendments made to the Plan.
- 5.14 The following consultees responded but had no specific comments on the Neighbourhood Plan: **The Coal Authority, National Gas Transmission, National Grid Electricity Transmission, Natural England, Rossendale West PCN, Rossendale East PCN and LCC Schools Planning Team, Edenfield Horticultural Society.**

Response from Pegasus Group on behalf of Taylor Wimpey (UK) Ltd

- 5.15 Taylor Wimpey submitted a representation of 24 pages plus appendices. The conclusions in section 12 of the representation are:

As noted throughout these representations, Taylor Wimpey is supportive of the Neighbourhood Plan process, subject to the following comments and recommended changes:

- *Taylor Wimpey should have been included as a member of the Neighbourhood Forum, or had an opportunity to contribute to plan making process, given they are one of the largest landowners in the Neighbourhood Area; and the failure to include them undermines the plan in terms of its compliance with national policy and the Localism Act.*

- *The Neighbourhood Plan needs to fully acknowledge the changes in circumstances following the adoption of the Rossendale Local Plan in December 2021, notably that Edenfield is now defined as an Urban Local Service Centre in the spatial strategy, with 456 homes to be delivered in the Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan area, and 400 on allocation H66 West of Market Street. The current plan fails to acknowledge this and the policies need to be written more positively to facilitate housing growth and the delivery of H66 which is an allocation of strategic importance. The draft policies focus on the preservation of existing character and built form patterns, which is inevitably set to change due to the requirement to deliver the H66 allocation to meet Rossendale's strategic housing needs.*
- *The Plan and draft design policies also need to recognise that national and regional housebuilders are set to deliver the H66 allocation due to the scale of development. It will therefore not be possible to fully maintain existing development patterns and traditional materials due to the quantum of development, albeit it is to be noted that Taylor Wimpey have carefully considered these matters where possible in their development proposals currently before Rossendale Council. There is the ability and desire to create distinct character areas within the H66 allocation with a varying mix of house types, vernacular and built form patterns to create a number of distinct character areas, some of which will not precisely match the existing built form within other parts of the settlement but will create suitable variety within the settlement which is consistent with paragraph 128 of the NPPF.*
- *The Edenfield Design Code, which is referenced in the draft design policies, is out of date and does not account for the H66 allocation. It has also not been sufficiently consulted on to date and needs updating to take account of the fact that the Local Plan has now been formally adopted. Notwithstanding this, the H66 Masterplan and Design Code has carefully considered and upholds its principles, but we reiterate our comments that the Edenfield Design Code needs to be amended to be less prescriptive, acknowledge the role of larger housebuilders and the fact that H66 will inevitably change the character of existing built form patterns.*
- *In respect of heritage matters, we reiterate that heritage has been carefully and sufficiently addressed in Taylor Wimpey's development proposals – with no objections raised from statutory heritage consultees. Heritage matters have also been carefully considered and accounted for in the wider H66 Masterplan.*
- *In terms of highway considerations, highway matters across Edenfield are being addressed within the H66 Masterplan and Design Code. This is being prepared across the developer group and will include a package of off-site mitigation.*
- *The Local Green Spaces proposals map needs to be updated to remove reference to LGS5, which indicates that the proposed access point to Taylor Wimpey's landholding is a designated Green Space. It is acknowledged that this likely to be a drafting/legacy error given LGS5 is not stated under policy GI1, but this needs to be clarified and corrected.*

- *In respect of the draft landscape policies and suggested key local landscape views, these should not be based on the 2015 Lives and Landscapes Assessment – as this evidence base has been superseded by the now adopted Local Plan. Landscape matters are being robustly addressed as part of Taylor Wimpey's planning application as well as the H66 Masterplan and Design Code process, with 2 chartered landscape architects instructed. The landscape policies also need to be updated to take account of the H66 allocation and how this will inevitably change the landscape character in this location of Edenfield. Taylor Wimpey would again like to express their desire to work closely and collaboratively with the Neighbourhood Forum in the preparation of the Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan and are keen to proactively assist with this process.*

5.16 All comments were considered in detail and consequently many amendments were made to the Regulation 14 version of the Plan. In particular:

- The amendments acknowledge the Rossendale Local Plan adopted in December 2021. The representation from Rossendale Borough Council referred to in 5.2 above also detailed areas of non-compliance with the Local Plan. The Council have confirmed that the Submission version Plan is now compliant.
- The amendments fully recognise the allocations H65, H66, H67 which are made in the Rossendale Local Plan.
- The Design Code report appended to the Neighbourhood Plan has been amended including the incorporation of a new Character Area. AECOM Limited who prepared the report have confirmed that they believe that the Submission version of the Design Code is compliant with the Rossendale Local Plan. Design Policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have also been amended accordingly.

Responses from individuals

5.17 47 individuals, including 44 who reside in the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area, completed the Proposed Policies Feedback Summary Form. A summary of all the Form responses is shown in Appendix 18. There was a substantial number of respondents in agreement with the Plan policies with the number of respondents per policy agreeing or strongly agreeing ranging from 82% to 96%.

5.18 Of those respondents who completed the Feedback Summary Form 23 also made comments which are summarised as follows:

- Many comments supported specific policies or the Neighbourhood Plan in general.
- Traffic issues are mentioned as a major concern a number of times and the transport policies T1 and T2 are supported. A number of comments referred to Policy T2.2 which has subsequently been amended to include Bolton Road North in the roads to be evaluated in any Transport Assessment.

- Some comments suggested amendments which could not be considered as to make the amendments would have meant that the Plan was not compliant with the Rossendale Local Plan or national planning policies or guidelines.
- Some comments expressed concerns and/or suggested amendments which could not be considered as they are outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan. Some of these are adequately covered in the provisions of the Rossendale Local Plan.

5.19 After consideration of the comments amendments were made to policies D2.1d, T2.2, LC1, GI.2, NE6 (renumbered HE4) and DMR2.

Amendments to the Regulation 14 version

5.20 Following the consultation on the Regulation 14 version of the Plan many amendments were made in drafting the Submission version of the Plan. All material amendments are detailed in Appendix 19 – Summary of material amendments.

Appendix 1: 9th October 2017 meeting minutes

Meeting on 9th October 2017 at Edenfield Community Centre to discuss formation of a Neighbourhood Forum

Following recent meetings of the Edenfield Residents Association and the Public Meeting relating to the Rossendale Borough Council's latest Plan a meeting was arranged for Residents who had expressed interest in the possibility of a Neighbourhood Forum being set up.

The dignitaries present at the meeting were Cllr. Ann Cheetham; Cllr. Janice Johnson, Paul Bradburn Chairman of the Edenfield Residents Association and Ian Lord Organiser / Acting Chairperson of the new Group, all of whom are Resident in the Area.

Additional Residents present were Mr M Welsh, Mr T Boothman, Ms. H Iggulden, Mr & Mrs Coyne, Mr & Mrs Lester, Mrs L. Stooke, Mrs G. Hoyle, Mr. David Fisher, Mrs B. Lord, Mr & Mrs Filkins, Mr. R. Bishop, Mr B. Langrish, Ms M. Rostron, Mrs J. Mead, Mrs G. Hulme & Mr. & Mrs Ashworth

Guest Speaker Louise Kirkup from Kirkwalls Town Planning and Sustainable Development Consultants.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief background relating to the reason for the meeting. He then provided an initial explanation of a Neighbourhood Forum as follows:-

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

The Chairperson next introduced the Guest speaker and Louise provided an insight into the setting up and operation of a Neighbourhood Forum. Basically the firm that Louise is a Director of specialises in advising groups like ourselves who are interested in forming a Forum and they have worked with up to seventy Parish Councils in the past on planning issues. They are currently discussing with three prospective groups wishing to form Neighbourhood Forums but we are the first of this type she has spoken with.

She outlined the steps required to set up an N.F and the need to work closely with the Borough Council Forward Planning Team. She confirmed that with Parish Councils they have had good success, getting several of them through the Referendum stage with positive results.

She pointed out the powers that NF Groups have if they are successful but noted that they cannot change Green Belts they can only oppose the Borough Council in their attempts to get them changed.

Louise advised that it takes anything from 18 months to two years to set up the Neighbourhood Forum and get it through the referendum stage to having formal authority. Concern was expressed

that this time scale could be too long to enable us to have a material influence on the current Local Plan but Louise advised that discussions with the Borough Council Planning Team can take place once they have accepted the Group can represent the area. This means the initial acceptance is part way through the process so there should be the possibility the Group can have some influence earlier. She also confirmed that grants are available to NFs to get them off the ground and cover the costs of the Advisors needed to guide in the preparation for our application and plans.

She took questions throughout her presentation and generally answered the queries raised by the various attendees.

The Chairman thanked her for the information provided and she received a warm round of applause from all present.

The Chairperson then reviewed some of the points made and suggested we should have a vote to determine if there was support for a NF. The response was unanimously in favour of proceeding to form a NF.

The Chairperson then suggested we should try to agree the boundaries for the area we wished to represent, several were discussed but it was eventually agreed we would adopt the Eden Ward boundaries. This includes Stubbins, Strongstry, Chatterton, Edenfield, Turn and Irwell Vale.

We then discussed the best way to move forward quickly and agreed that we would set up a "Steering Group" of possibly about six to ten people. The Steering Group will report back to the Members on a regular basis by e-mail and arrange meetings with the full membership every two months or so.

The Chairman asked for volunteers from everyone present to join the Steering Group and in addition to the Chairman himself the following people agreed to be part of the Group:- Gillian Hoyle, Trevor Boothman and Alan Ashworth. Richard Bishop agreed to arrange the IT development for the NF but suggested he would be a part time member of the Steering Group because of his other commitments. It was also noted that some Residents who had expressed interest in joining the NF but were unable to be present on the evening may be willing to join the Steering Group and they will be contacted shortly.

The Chairperson proposed that in view of the Boundary selected we should also invite the Residents Committees in Stubbins and Irwell Vale to put forward representatives to join both the NF and the Steering Group. The two Councillors present agreed to do this at the respective Resident Committee meetings which are scheduled in the near future.

The Chairperson asked Paul Bradburn from Edenfield Residents Association if they had any further action plans following their very successful campaign to maximise the objections submitted to the Borough Council with respect to the Plan and he confirmed at this point no further action was planned.

Appendix 2: 5th December 2017 meeting minutes

Eden Community Neighbourhood Forum.

Minutes from the Meeting held on the 5th December 2017.

Attendees: - Steering Group: Ian Lord (Acting Chair), Gillian Hoyle, Trevor Boothman & Alan Ashworth. Apologies from Richard Bishop.

Prospective Members :- Richard Lester, Roger Barlow, Gillian Hulme, Carol Ashworth, Christine Murrell, Gordon Worth, Margaret Filkins, Jennifer Mead, Geoff Lord, Mark Welsh, David Fisher, Paul Bradburn, Ann Marie Coyne, Michael Coyne, Helen Iggulden, Liz Stooke, Cllr Janice Johnson, Brian Langrish, Chris Ross and Milan Pular.

Apologies Cllr Anne Cheetham, Karen Lester & Barbara Lord.

The Chairman opened the meeting by asking if everyone had received their e-mails with the attachments containing the Agenda, Draft Constitution, Area Map, Membership Application Form and Minutes from our previous meeting held on the 9th October 2017. He advised spare copies were available if required.

The Chairman then updated everyone with respect to the latest information available from Rossendale Borough Council, confirming the number of responses received by them to their Local Plan from the Borough was 1800 and 818 of these were from our area. Objections were 810, Neutrals 3 and Supporters 5. This was a fantastic result and thanks were given to all the Members of EVRA for the massive efforts made.

Following the opening remarks the Chairman moved on to the Agenda items:-

- 1) **Minutes of Meeting held on 9th October 2017.** Everyone present at the meeting confirmed they had read the minutes and they were unanimously approved.
- 2) **Forum Boundary and Name.** Discussions took place reviewing the various considerations that had taken place regarding the boundary, initially we have adopted the Eden Ward area and this includes Irwell Vale, Stubbins, Strongstry, Chatterton, Turn and some outlying areas like parts of Nangreaves as well as Edenfield. There were no representatives present from Turn, Stubbins, Strongstry, Chatterton or any of the outlying areas and the Chairman confirmed we were still awaiting confirmation from their respective Resident Groups that they would join our Forum. We will assume for the time being they will join our Forum to avoid delaying our progress and then adjust as necessary as we move forward. We next discussed the name and all the considerations involved and it was unanimously agreed we would be "Eden Community Neighbourhood Forum" to meet all the regulations and where appropriate it would be shortened to Eden Community Forum (ECF) for brevity.
- 3) **Constitution.** The Chairman referred to all the work that has gone into the preparation of this document and thanked Trevor Boothman and Richard Lester for their major contributions. He then reviewed the document section by section to ensure all present understood the various issues and answered all the questions raised. The meeting then voted on the adoption of the Constitution The vote was unanimously to accept the Constitution and there were no objections.

- 4) **Membership.** Completed Membership Applications were collected by the Chairman and it is pleasing to record we now have twenty-five members.
- 5) **Report on Meeting with the Forward Planning Senior Management at Rossendale Borough Council .** The attendees were Nicola Hopkins & Adrian Smith for RBC and Ian Lord & Alan Ashworth for ECF.

The Chairman reported that the meeting was very positive, the Council were supportive and they explained what was required for us to gain initial designation. We advised them of our progress to date and they appeared quite keen for us to get involved. We explained our objectives were to minimise the effect on our Green Belt and reduce the proposed building numbers from fifty-four percent in the Local Plan to about twelve percent which is the figure for the Borough as a whole. They responded by saying they will still have to meet their overall number and the houses will have to be built somewhere in the Borough. We next asked about the actions and timing going forward with their plan and they provided the following details:-

- a) They will analyse all the objections received throughout the Borough and determine the main issues. They expect the 1800 objections received could lead to 8000 issues. They will select the major issues and work through them with a target for completion by end December.
- b) The first three months of 2018 will be spent working on the reports from Highways and Utilities which should be available by then.
- c) After this they will make any changes they feel are required to their draft plan and this should be completed by the summer of 2018.
- d) There will then be a six week consultation but objections can only be considered based on the "Soundness of the evidence base", "Legal issues relating to procedures followed" or "Duties to communicate issues with Highways & Utilities".
- e) The plan is then published & submitted to the Inspectorate, target October 2018.
- f) Planning Inspectorate will then examine the document and follow up with site visits in spring 2019. At this point there will be round table discussions involving all interested parties which will include our Forum along with the Developers etc.
- g) The Inspectorate will then decide what if any changes are to be made and this is likely to be completed by the summer of 2020.

We also asked if the Council would be reducing the housing numbers in line with the recent statement from Jake Berry but they advised they will continue with the number in the current draft of the Local Plan.

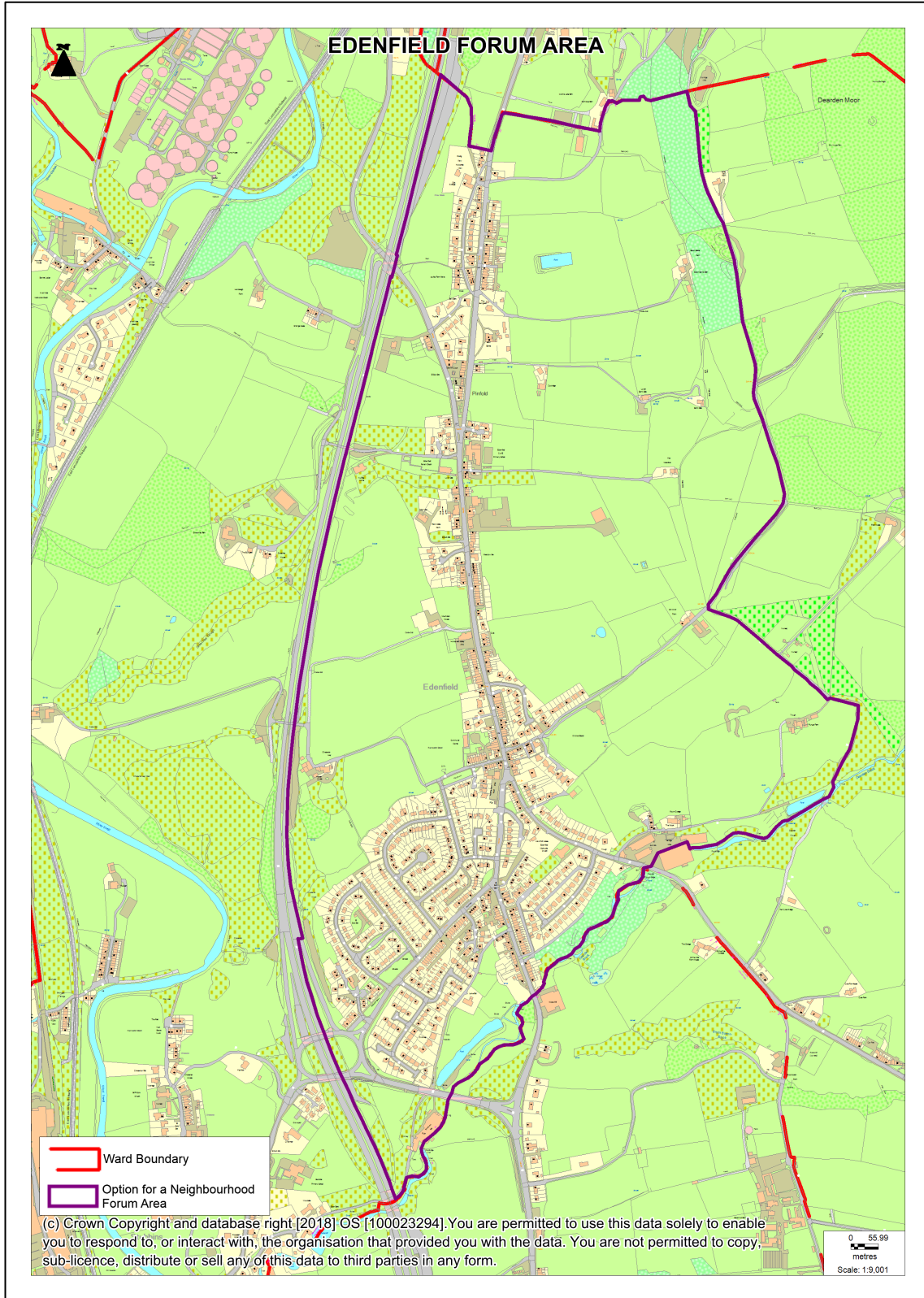
We agreed to prepare our application for the Neighbourhood Forum and our target is to submit it in December 2017.

- 6) **Publicity & Communications.**
 - a) **Communication Strategy & Plan.** The Chairman outlined the progress made on this by Gillian Hoyle; it is a very complex area particularly the Vision Statement. We are

targeting to have a draft available by the end of December and then publish early in the New Year.

- b) **Website/Social Media.** This area is being covered by Richard Bishop, significant progress is being made and we have registered our domain name so we can move forward to develop the website. This is particularly important for Younger Members; hopefully it will assist us in improving membership diversity. The domain name is "edencommunityforum.uk".
 - c) **Newsletter to all Homes & Businesses.** Gillian showed the type of one page document that is being worked on and the target is to complete and deliver to all Properties and Businesses in our area in the next three months. Mr G. Worth suggested we include in our Newsletter a comment relating to the possible re-allocation of building sites when the Council review their plan to advise Residents of the areas who have not yet decided to join our Forum the benefits of becoming Members. Mrs J. Mead advised she has details of all the addresses in the area and the Chairman advised all present he would be looking for "Foot Soldiers" to do the delivery in due course. The Chairman of EVRA agreed to ask the delivery Team from EVRA if some of them would also be willing to assist. The chairman of EVRA confirmed they use Kershaw's and sometimes Studio 51 for their printing requirements and he agreed to forward the relevant contact details.
- 7) **Planning Consultants.** The Chairman advised of the need to employ a Firm of Consultants to assist us in putting the Plan together and he confirmed that whilst we have not ruled out Kirkwell's we are in contact with the ones who have assisted the Woodford Neighbourhood Forum. We are proposing to visit this Company and others very early in the New Year and then select the best one with experience in Rural Development. We are also looking for local Architects and people with planning experience to join and provide inside expertise to the Forum.
 - 8) **Grants and Funding.** The chairman confirmed that Government Grants are available for Forums like ours; there is one for nine thousand pounds to get the Forum up and running and one for up to eight thousand pounds for specific Technical issues with the possibility of other small amounts being available from elsewhere. He confirmed it may be that we have to look at some type of fund raising going forward and we are to examine what methods other Forum's have used for this. One of the Attendees suggested we consider the website "Go Fund Me" and this will be followed up.
The Chairman of EVRA kindly offered to lend the Forum £200 until we were able to obtain a grant for us to cover printing costs, the cost for using the Community Centre going forward etc. Our Chairman thanked him for the kind offer and accepted it.
 - 9) **Date of Next Meeting.** Not fixed targeting February 2018.
 - 10) **Any Other Business.** Mr Roger Barlow advised the meeting that the development of the Horse and Jockey site will commence on the 22nd January 2018.

Appendix 3: Neighbourhood Area Map

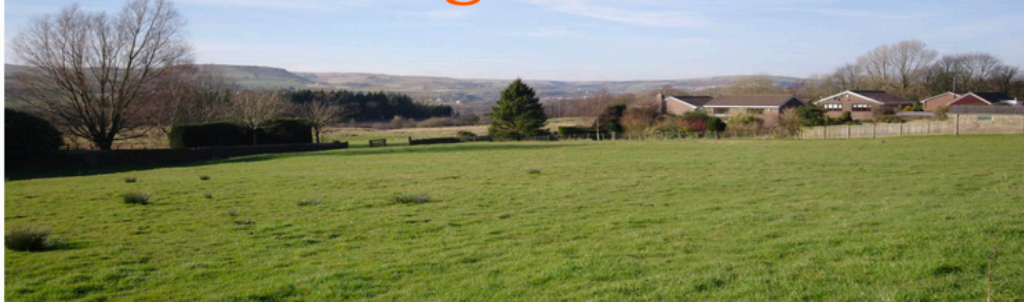


Appendix 4: March 2018 Newsletter

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum Newsletter – Issue 1 March 2018

Forum News

Your Village Needs YOU



Welcome to the first edition of Edenfield Forum Newsletter.

Edenfield has been identified as an area for major housing development over the next 15 years. Rossendale Borough Council are proposing to allow almost 500 houses to be built, an increase in excess of 50% when the Borough as a whole is only expanding by 12%.

Edenfield Village Residents Association has undertaken some splendid work in raising awareness and organising opposition to the proposed developments and destruction of our Green Belt, but due to their other commitments they are unable to continue to fight this battle. In view of this a group of volunteers including some members of EVRA have got together to set up a Neighbourhood Forum and they have now submitted a formal application to be recognised by Rossendale Borough Council.

This Forum will work with the community and experts to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Edenfield. Their aim will be to reduce the number of houses proposed and save as much as possible of our valuable Green Belt.

The Plan will establish general planning policies and propose areas for development and future land use. It will help the community to shape what the village will look like in the future.

When the Plan is prepared it will be examined by an Independent Examiner and then approved by a referendum involving all the community. If the Plan is approved, it will become a statutory document that will complement the Rossendale Council Local Plan.

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What is the Edenfield Neighbourhood Forum?

It is a group that leads on the production of a local Neighbourhood Plan. Anyone who lives, works or has a business in the area can be a member.

All members are entitled to attend the meetings of the Forum and will receive regular information and updates. Any member can be elected by the Forum to join the management committee, for more information on Neighbourhood Forums visit locality.org.uk

Why have a Neighbourhood Plan?

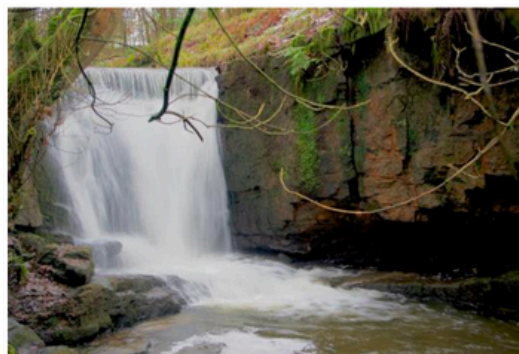
If the residents of Edenfield vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan at the referendum, Rossendale Council must make it part of the local plan for the area. This means that the plan will be used for making decisions on planning applications in Edenfield.

Funding of the Forum

The Forum can apply for grants to cover the costs of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan. However, these do not cover the costs of the challenges to the emerging local plan, challenges during the consultation period ending this summer or challenges and representation to the Inspectorate prior to the final decision.

We need the expertise of Planning Consultants to enable us to make any of these challenges as well as their guidance in preparing our Neighbourhood Plan. To achieve this we need to raise funds now, so that we can embark on this important programme immediately.

If you would like to contribute to help us to take control of our village, please tick the appropriate box on the membership application form and a Committee member will get in touch to provide more detail.



We need your help

We want the Forum to be fully representative of all residents and businesses in Edenfield. If you would like to become a member of the Forum, please complete the enclosed membership leaflet. It can be deposited at Strachan's Chemist or Valentine's Butchers. You can also join by completing the online form on the website. If you require any further information please visit our website, www.edenfieldcommunityforum.uk or contact Ian Lord on 07808724477.

Working in partnership with Edenfield Village Residents Association

Appendix 5: 30th April 2019 meeting minutes

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes from the Meeting held on the 30th April 2018.

Attendees: - Management Committee– Ian Lord (Chairman), Gillian Hoyle, Richard Bishop, Trevor Boothman Acting Treasurer & Alan Ashworth Acting Secretary (Apologies – Paul Williams Acting Deputy Chairman.) Co-opted Legal Advisor Richard Lester.

Members :- Roger Barlow, Peter Howarth, Paul Bradburn, Margaret Filkins, Gordon Worth, Carol Ashworth, Jenny Mead, Gillian Hulme, Barbara Lord, Steven Caldwell, Peter Ash, Joanne Ash, Keith Kushner, Barbara Kushner, John Ayers, Betty Garvey, Moyra Franklin, Jennie Law, Ann Marie Coyne, Michael Coyne, Dorothy Jones, W. J. Whittaker, Ron Marley, Robert Saggerson, Helen Iggulden, David Fisher, Graeme Conway, Stephen Preston, Matthew Scanlon and Councillor Anne Cheetham.

Apologies: - Karen Lester, Brian & Denise Langrish, Ken Parkes, Derrick Lawson, Phillip Johnson, Mark Welch, Alexander Black & Keith Dawson.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for attending and introduced the individual Members of the Management Committee. He advised that the Membership was now one hundred and one with a very positive increase after the circulation of the Newsletter to every house and business in the Village. He then asked for any apologies received and they are listed above.

- 1) **Minutes of Previous meeting held on the 5th February 2018.** The chairman asked if all who were present at the meeting on the 5th February had reviewed the minutes and agreed they were an accurate record of the meeting. A vote was taken; they were unanimously accepted with no objections and then duly signed.
- 2) **Designation of the Forum.** The Chairman explained that, for the Forum to be able to operate, it required the approval of RBC, a process known as designation. We had submitted our application for designation on 21st February after which there was a six week consultation period which resulted in over forty responses, only one of which was against. The Forum was finally designated by RBC on 23rd April.
- 3) **RBC Emerging Local Plan & Forum Technical Response.** The Acting Secretary who along with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman make up the Team who are working alongside the Consultants and liaising with the Forward Planning Team at RBC provided an update of the current status. The minutes covering this presentation are appended. There were several questions raised, particularly relating to the individual Developers involved and we confirmed they were all working closely together. The introduction of the Express Bus to Manchester (X41) was also highlighted and a comment was made that one of the major reasons the previous Express Bus (X43) had been withdrawn was because of the delays and difficulties caused by traffic hold ups in the Village. A further question was raised regarding the importance the Consultants placed on the 800+ objections made by the Residents and we agreed to ask them for their comments on this.

- 4) **Neighbourhood Plan.** The Chairman explained that the Forum would prepare a Neighbourhood Plan during 2018 and 2019 but that Plan will need to be closely aligned to the RBC Emerging Plan. As the details of the RBC Plan will not be known until late July we will base our Plan on two possibilities, the first using the previous number of houses proposed and the second on a significantly lower one. Our Consultants will provide the guidance and the technical input throughout the preparation of these plans. Part of the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan is to regularly consult with the Residents and we plan to start this with a Stall at the Village Fete on the 9th June. Through the Neighbourhood Plan we will have greater input into the type of house and infrastructure that are eventually agreed, irrespective of the number of houses involved.

- 5) **Financing of the Forum.** The Acting Secretary provided the details of the requirements, the Grants available and confirmed the success of the initial round of fundraising from the generous donations received. He confirmed the need to continue with the fundraising to enable the Forum to make the challenges at every stage and asked for Volunteers to assist with ideas and general administration. The full details are appended. The Acting Treasurer confirmed our Bank Account was with NatWest in the Non Profit Making Organisations part of the Business Banking Sector. He also confirmed that secure systems were in place to control all expenditure and payments made.

- 6) **Publicity and Communications.** Gill Hoyle confirmed the recent Newsletter had been delivered to every House and Business in our Designated Area and that the intention is to prepare two per annum with the next one being in the autumn. She confirmed they were very cost effective and asked for comments, ideas and general feedback from the Members. She additionally asked if anyone knew of a Graphic Designer who would be agreeable to providing voluntary assistance and requested the Chairman of EVRA to thank his Team for their assistance with the delivery of the Newsletter.
Richard Bishop commented on the IT status, he confirmed the Facebook Page was off to a successful start. He also confirmed our website was fully operational with Minutes of Meetings, Agendas for Meetings and Future Events etc.
Richard also confirmed that all the membership data was secure and the system meets the latest legal changes introduced.

- 7) **Management Committee.** The Chairman advised the Members that we need to increase the size of the Management Committee to enable us to meet our targets of continuing with the challenges to both RBC and the Inspectorate; collecting& categorising the data and preparing the Neighbourhood Plan, as well as continuing to raise the funds required. He asked for anyone who could assist with any of the activities to make contact with him or any Member of the Management Committee.

- 8) **Date of Next Meeting.** We are targeting to hold two or three Neighbourhood Forum Meetings per year and we are planning for the next meeting to be in late September or early October.

- 9) **Any Other Business.** There were no items brought forward.

Signed Chairman. Dated

Appendix 6: 14th August 2018 meeting minutes

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes from the Meeting held on the 14th August 2018.

Attendees: - Management Committee– Ian Lord (Chairman), Paul Williams (Acting Deputy Chairman), Gillian Hoyle & Alan Ashworth (Acting Secretary).

Prospective Management Committee Members: - Margaret Filkins, Paul Bradburn & Mervin MacDonald.

Apologies from Management Committee Members: - Richard Bishop. **Apologies from Prospective Management Committee Members:** -Richard Lester, David Rawcliffe & Mark Whitehead.

Members: - Roger Barlow, Peter Howarth, Gordon Worth, Carol Ashworth, Jenny Mead, Gillian Hulme, Barbara Lord, Peter Ash, Betty Garvey, Jennie Law, Michael Coyne, Ron Marley, Matthew Scanlon, Ken Parkes, Brenda Chester, Karen Lester, James Lester, Paul Formby, Gaynor Brady, Vincent Brady, Geoff Margison, Mark Welsh, John Davies, Liz Stooke, Ann Newberry, Ian Newberry, Alex Black, Arnold Wilcox Wood and Councillor Janice Johnson.

Apologies: - Brian & Denise Langrish, Peter Dawson, Ann Marie Coyne, Dorothy Jones, Emeline Cryne, James Cryne, David Fisher, Sue Openshaw, Graeme Conway, Helen Iggulden, Jean-Pierre Desprez, Janet Desprez, Joanne Ash, Barry Pitt, Susan Pitt, Nadia Krasij, June Kenyon and Karen Duckworth.

- 1) **Opening Remarks.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for attending and introduced the individual Members of the Management Committee. He advised that the Forum Membership was now in excess of two hundred with representation from approx fifteen percent of the households in our area. He then advised that Trevor Boothman had resigned and thanked him for his efforts in getting the Forum off the Ground initially and for the work done in his role of Acting Treasurer.
- 2) **Minutes of Previous meeting held on the 30th April 2018.** The chairman asked if all who were present at the meeting on the 30th April had reviewed the minutes and agreed they were an accurate record of the meeting. A vote was taken; they were unanimously accepted with no objections and then duly signed.
- 3) **RBC Local Plan Update.** The Acting Secretary who along with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman make up the Team who are working alongside the Consultants and liaising with the Forward Planning Team at RBC provided an update of the current status. The details covering this presentation are appended, there were several questions raised and answered at the end of the presentation.
- 4) **Neighbourhood Plan.** The Deputy Chairman explained that the Forum have now commenced work on the Neighbourhood Plan and agreed a schedule with the Planning Consultants to enable us to be able to present the Plan to the Planning Inspectorate in the first half of next year. He advised there would be a short e-mail questionnaire circulated in the next few days to determine the main concerns of the Residents and then the responses would be reviewed at an initial Workshop on the 7th September involving approx twenty Members of the Forum.
This will then be followed with a more in depth questionnaire based on the findings from the initial questionnaire to form the main basis for the Neighbourhood Plan.

A draft Plan & Policies with design codes will then be prepared and followed by a Consultation with the Residents. The ethos of Neighbourhood Planning is that it is very much community-led, and that on-going consultation is central to the production of a successful plan.

The next stage is then to prepare a Regulation 14 Plan for formal Consultation purposes. Following this the Submission Plan will be prepared and put before Rossendale Borough Council.

Assuming this is accepted we will then have to prepare a "Basic Conditions Statement" and provide all the Evidence Documents prior to a six week formal Consultation taking place.

There will then be an Examiner appointed to investigate the plan, any recommendations issued will be considered and the Council will then arrange for a "Referendum" on the plan involving every Household and Business in our Neighbourhood Area.

If the referendum is supported by a majority of the Community it will become part of the "Statutory development Plan".

- 5) **Financing of the Forum.** The Chairman confirmed that we have now obtained a Grant from Locality which will hopefully cover the majority of the costs associated with the Neighbourhood Plan. He confirmed again that none of this money can be used to finance the challenges that we have made or are proposing to make against the Councils plan.

He advised that our fund raising efforts to date for the challenges have been very successful and they will cover all the costs for the challenges made up to and including those for the next Consultation in September. However we do not have enough money to cover the challenges we want to make to the Inspectorate early next year and he considers we have a need to raise a further eight thousand pounds to cover this. He advised that he would be writing to all the Members with respect to this shortfall and that posters were being prepared for local notice boards and for the websites etc. Additionally, when the next Newsletter is prepared a further appeal for funds will be included.

He also asked for Volunteers to assist the Management Committee to form a sub-committee which will concentrate solely on fund raising through Coffee Mornings, possibly a One Hundred Club and Horse Racing Nights etc. If any Member is willing to assist in this capacity will they please contact any of the Management Committee.

- 6) **Publicity and Communications.** Gill Hoyle and Richard Bishop cover these areas.

Gill updated the meeting with respect to their recent activities as follows:-

Edenfield Fete. The Forum had a stand at the Fete to provide an opportunity for the Management Committee to consult with the Residents and for everyone to see at first hand the proposals being made by RBC. The event was very successful; we gained 71 new Members and raised extra funds for the Forum.

Social Media. The Facebook page and Website are now live and generating a lot of interest from the Community.

Forward Plans. They are now working on two key strands, the first relating to the challenges to the Local plan and the second being the communications relating to the preparation for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Local Plan - A "Flyer" which will be delivered to every household and business in our area to highlight the need to make an objection to the RBC plan during the next Consultation Stage and this Flyer will outline how to make the objection and what the basis for the

objection must be to ensure it will be valid. Press releases and promotions through social media will also be undertaken.

Neighbourhood Plan - Work is under way on finalising the initial questionnaire and work is starting on the more in-depth questionnaire which will be sent to all households in the forum area and will form the basis for the plan.

- 7) **Management Committee.** The Chairman advised the Members that we need to increase the size of the Management Committee to enable us to meet our targets of continuing with the challenges to both RBC and the Planning Inspectorate, in addition to collecting & categorising the data for preparing the Neighbourhood Plan and continuing to raise the funds required.

He confirmed that five members have kindly offered to assist and join the committee; they are Richard Lester, Margaret Filkins, Paul Bradburn, David Rawcliffe, Mark Whitehead and Mervin MacDonald. He asked the Members for a proposer (Betty Garvey) and a Seconder (Roger Barlow) and then asked the meeting to take a vote. The vote was unanimous and the Chairman welcomed the new members to the Management Committee.

- 8) **Date of Next Meeting.** We are targeting to hold two or three Neighbourhood Forum Meetings per year and we are planning for the next meeting to be early in 2019.

- 9) **Any Other Business.** The Chairman confirmed to the meeting that we have introduced a new "Friends of Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum" to include people who do not live or work in the Neighbourhood Area but are interested for a variety of reasons and have specifically asked if they could be kept informed and assist as and when required.

Signed..... Chairman. Dated.....

Appendix 7: Survey questionnaire from 19th August, 2018



Edenfield Community
Neighbourhood Forum

22nd August 2018

To all members of the Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

As you may be aware the Forum is now starting work on preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Edenfield and we have appointed planning advisors to advise us and assist in this. It is important that we fully take into account the views of residents when preparing the Plan which we propose to do in the following way.

There is a short scoping questionnaire which we would like you to complete and submit by 6th September. This includes questions on your views about the village as well as ideas of what changes you would like to see in the future. You can access the questionnaire at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7YLR3C2> or via the Forum website (www.edenfieldcommunityforum.uk). This questionnaire can only be completed online but it will be possible to submit the subsequent detailed questionnaire referred to below manually as well.

The Neighbour Plan needs to involve all residents of the village not just members of the Forum so please also encourage any non-members to also complete the questionnaire.

The information we get from this short questionnaire will help us and our advisors to produce a detailed questionnaire which will be delivered to all houses in the village later in the year. We will then be in a position to produce an Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan which reflects as far as possible the views of all residents.

If you would like more information about Neighbourhood Plans we have prepared a short question and answer sheet which is attached. Information is also available on the Locality website at <https://locality.org.uk/services-tools/neighbourhood-planning/>

All information submitted in the questionnaire will be treated confidentially in accordance with the Data Protection Act and only used in connection with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you for your support and assistance.

Ian Lord

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How does the Community approve a Neighbourhood Plan?

Before a Neighbourhood Plan can come into force, it must be voted on by the local community in a referendum. It is necessary that more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote 'yes' to bring the Plan into force.

What are the benefits of having a Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plans are intended to give local people a direct say in the future development of their area. A Neighbourhood Plan gives local people the chance to create a planning document that guides and shapes development in their local communities.

How long does a Neighbourhood Plan last?

There is no Government guidance on how long a plan should last, but a typical plan period would be about 10-15 years.

How do I get involved?

If you would like to join the Management Committee of the Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum, make a donation or just become a member, please e-mail info@edenfieldcommunityforum.uk or contact Ian Lord on 07808 724477 .

For more information please visit our website at www.edenfieldcommunityforum.uk.

Question Title

1. Please could you give your post-code

OK

Question Title

2. How would you describe the current make-up of your household?

- Living alone
- Couple (no children)
- Couple (children moved out)
- Family with young children (pre-school/ primary school age)
- Family with older children (secondary school children)
- Family with grown up children living at home
- Family with grown up children at university
- Family living with their older parent(s)
- Prefer not to say

OK

Question Title

3. Age - How old are you?

- Under 18
- 18 -29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50 -59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80+

OK

Question Title

4. What is your current employment status?

- Employed or self-employed full time
- Employed or self-employed part time
- Unemployed/unable to work
- Retired
- Looking after the home

- Carer
 - Student
 - Prefer not to say
- OK

Question Title

5. What do you value about living in Edenfield?

- Open and green spaces
 - The rural character of the village
 - Local wildlife and habitats
 - Sense of community
 - Friendly and safe environment
 - The schools
- OK

Question Title

6. What do you like most about living in Edenfield?

- Always lived here
 - Close to family and friends
 - Access to major routes
 - Open spaces
 - Lovely countryside
 - Close to place of work
 - Village atmosphere
 - Other (please specify)
-

OK

Question Title

7. What do you feel are the weakness or negative features of our community?

- Car parking
- Pedestrian safety
- Lack of public transport
- Volume of traffic
- Speed of traffic
- Lack of public amenities e.g. medical facilities, dentist and Post Office
- Lack of access to public services
- Quality of broadband connection

- Lack of mobile phone signal
- Litter and dog fouling
- Lack of affordable housing
- Crime rates/ anti-social behaviour
- Other (please specify)

OK

Question Title

8. In the new draft of the Local Plan, Rossendale Borough council has proposed 462 new homes for Edenfield. What worries you about further development in Edenfield? Please tick up to five.

- A weaker sense of community
- Air quality
- Expansion targeted only at people on high incomes
- Increase in crime and anti-social behaviour
- Increased traffic
- Lack of adequate parking in Edenfield
- Lack of school/childcare places or school/childcare overcrowding
- Loss of countryside and/or green space between existing settlements
- Overstretched local amenities
- Oversubscribed medical and care facilities
- Reduction in amount of green space
- Undermine local businesses
- Unsafe pedestrian routes
- Other

OK

Question Title

9. What sorts of businesses, if any, do you think should be encouraged in Edenfield?

- Shops and retail
- Tourism (camping, bed & breakfast establishments)
- Food and Restaurants
- Light industrial units
- Other (please specify)

OK

Question Title

**10. Looking forward 10 years, what kind of place would you like Edenfield to be ?
Please select your top three choices.**

- Attractive
- Rural
- Safe
- Traditional
- Affordable
- Friendly
- Tranquil
- Accessible
- Other (please specify)

OK

Appendix 8: Annual General Meeting minutes, 26th March 2019

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th March 2019 at Edenfield Community Centre.

Attendees: - Management Committee – Ian Lord (Chairman); Margaret Filkins (Treasurer); Richard Lester; Paul Bradburn; Mark Whitehead; Mervyn MacDonald and Alan Ashworth (Secretary).

Apologies from Management Committee Members: - Paul Williams (Deputy Chairman); Richard Bishop & David Rawcliffe.

Attendees : -Members - Vincent Brady; Roger Barlow; Peter Haworth; Carol Ashworth; Quintin Crossley; Lesley Spurrell; Ron Marley; Colin Davies; Gill Hoyle; Les Adams, David Fisher; Trevor Latham; Liz Latham; Joanne Ash; Dorothy Jones; June Kenyon; Graeme Conway; Ken Parkes; Brenda Chester; Jenny Mead; Roy McDonald & Councillor Anne Cheetham.

Apologies from Members: - Walter Turk; Pat Turk; Stuart Dearden; Chris Bishop; Keith Kushner; Barbara Kushner; Michael Coyne; Ann-Marie Coyne; Peter Dawson; Peter Ash; Ken Holden; Gillian Hulme; Karen Duckworth; Karen Lester; Gaynor Brady, Gordon Worth & our M.P. Jake Berry.

- 1) **Opening Remarks.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to our first Annual General Meeting, thanked them for attending and introduced the individual Members of the Management Committee. He confirmed the Membership now stands at 215 with representation from approximately fifteen percent of the households in our neighbourhood area.
- 2) **Apologies.** The Apologies received are noted above.
- 3) **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.** The Chairman asked if anyone present had any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests but none were declared.
- 4) **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on the 14th August 2018.** The Chairman asked if all who were present at the meeting on the 14th August had reviewed the minutes and agreed they were an accurate record of the meeting. Jenny Mead proposed the minutes should be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and Roger Barlow seconded the proposal. A vote was then taken; they were unanimously accepted with no objections or abstentions and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5) **Constitution Amendments.** The Chairman advised the meeting that the Forum's Constitution was not exactly in accordance with the regulations on Neighbourhood Forums (Town and Country Planning Act 1990 section 61F(5)(b)(ii)) and read out the existing and proposed wording for the two clauses involved. The details were as follows:-

Clause 5.2 currently reads:

"Membership of the Forum is open to any person aged eighteen (18) years or more who lives in the Area and any person aged eighteen (18) years or more who works, and who has a long-term business interest in, the Area."

The proposed new wording is

"Membership of the Forum is open to any person aged eighteen (18) years or more who lives in the Area and any person aged eighteen (18) years or more who works in the Area, whether for a business carried on there or otherwise."

Clause 5.4 currently reads:

“Membership is open to

- (a) Borough Councillors for the Ward;
- (b) County Councillors for a division that includes all or part of the Area;
- (c) the Member of Parliament for a constituency including the Area or any part thereof;”

The proposed new wording is:

“Membership is open to

- (a) any elected member of Rossendale Borough Council or Lancashire County Council;
- (b) the Member of Parliament for a constituency including the Area or any part thereof;”

The Chairman asked if there were any questions relating to the change, no questions were raised. A vote was then taken; the motion was unanimously accepted with no objections or abstentions. The Chairman advised the change would now be submitted to Rossendale Borough Council (RBC) for final approval.

- 6) **Draft Local Plan.** The Secretary provided an update on the Local Plan and advised RBC had submitted their Regulation 19 Plan to the Planning Inspectorate on the 25th March 2019 which was approximately one month behind schedule. He confirmed the support the Forum had received for their Representation made on the 4th October 2018 was 1235 in total with 892 of these coming from the Neighbourhood Area itself.
He advised the Management Committee were continuing to question RBC with respect to their Plan and particularly with regards to the Employment Land requirement calculations which are subject to ongoing discussions with the Council’s Forward Planning Team. He highlighted the Representations made by Highways England and their subsequent change of view and confirmed the Management Committee were recording all the data to assist with the challenges to RBC’s Regulation 19 Plan.
He confirmed the ECNF Local Plan Committee were preparing for the Planning Inspectorate’s Examination probably in June 2019 and noted they expect to receive a schedule from the Inspectorate shortly.
- 7) **Neighbourhood Plan.** The Secretary updated the Members on the progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and confirmed the Vision, Objectives and Policy Themes were being finalised and good progress was being made with the Baseline, Green Spaces, Key Views and Design Codes. He outlined the six stages that will take the Plan through to adoption by RBC with an approximate schedule.
- 8) **Annual Finance Report.** On behalf of the Treasurer the Chairman provided a comprehensive explanation with respect to the financial status of the Forum and thanked the Treasurer and the Scrutineer for their excellent work. He asked for any questions relating to the Accounts and answered one raised by Vince Brady with respect to the various grants received and their availability in the future. A vote with respect to the approval of the Accounts was then taken; they were unanimously approved with no objections or abstentions.
- 9) **Fund Raising.** Paul Bradburn thanked everyone who had contributed to the recent appeal on behalf of the Fund Raising Team and confirmed that the majority of funding raised to date came from the Coffee Morning and Quiz held in October and November respectively. He announced a further Quiz has been arranged for 7-30pm on April 27th in the Community Centre, the charge is £8 as before and this includes a potato pie supper. He further advised the Edenfield Residents Association will be holding a raffle at the Annual Cricket Match between the Residents and the Village Team and the revenue from this will be given to the Forum. The Forum will also be participating at the annual Village Fete on the 8th June with other fund raising activities. He asked for suggestions from Members and the following were put forward for consideration by the Team: - Sponsored Walk; Auction,

100/200 Club; Cheese & Wine with a Speaker and a Horse Racing night. Paul thanked everyone for their contributions.

- 10) **Management Committee.** In line with the Constitution the Management Committee Members are required to apply for re-election on an annual basis and the Chairman confirmed that all existing Members with the exception of Gillian Hoyle have put their names forward for consideration. He thanked Gillian for her contribution, she was one of the original five members who started the Forum and she has worked tirelessly in promoting the Forum through Newsletters and Social Media. The Chairman then asked for approval for the existing Members to be re-elected and Councillor Anne Cheetham proposed the motion. A vote was then taken; the motion was unanimously approved with no objections or abstentions. The Chairman advised the Members there were two vacancies on the Committee and if anyone was interested in joining they should contact him.
- 11) **Date of Next Meeting.** We are targeting for September 2019 to coincide with the submission of our Draft Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan.
- 12) **Any other business.** Councillor Anne Cheetham raised the issue of the A56 flooding on a regular basis and suggested the Forum contact the Police to try to obtain data relating to the number accidents related to the flooding. She further commented that the closure of the A56 leads to chaos in the Village and this issue should be included in our challenges. Finally, Councillor Anne Cheetham thanked the Members of the Committee for all their efforts in getting the Forum from a blank sheet of paper to representing the Village and for all the research and challenges made on behalf of the residents. This was endorsed by all the Forum Members present.
- 13) The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions to the discussions and closed the meeting at 8-50pm.

Signed.....Chairman. Dated.....

Appendix 9: May 2019 newsletter

EDENFIELD COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2 (MAY 2019)



“THIS IS YOUR STARTER FOR 10”

Work in earnest has now been progressing on the old Horse & Jockey site for over 12 months and many will have experienced the disruption this has caused from time to time on Market Street. The development of this site is far from complete and all this is for just 10 new houses. Imagine the impact if Rossendale Council's proposals for another 456 new houses in Edenfield gets the go ahead.

The plan for Edenfield is to increase the current number of dwellings by about 50% with an inevitable increase in the number of vehicles using the roads and the loss of almost all the green belt land between Market Street and the bypass including the land at the bottom end of Exchange Street.

The Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum (ECNF) is hoping to reduce the impact of these proposals but needs help and support from the village.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Forum is continuing with work on a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. An initial survey of residents generated 157 responses and an open workshop, including village walkabout, was held on 7 September 2018. The overall vision for the plan is to retain and strengthen the rural character of the village.

At the present time the Forum is collating relevant data on population, heritage/historic assets, education, transport, health care and local economic activity. It is also liaising with planning and infrastructure consultants with a view to identifying those green spaces and key views thought essential to be retained and giving consideration to the type and nature of any sustainable development which might be appropriate for the village in the future.

The costs incurred on producing the Neighbourhood Plan are, in the main, funded by central government grants. Any plan ultimately produced has to be approved via a local vote. Before any vote there is a period of consultation so it is important that as many residents as possible participate in the consultation and local vote in due course.

Appendix 10: Consultation notice for 29 February 2020



Edenfield Community
Neighbourhood Forum

www.edenfieldcommunityforum.uk

To: all residents and businesses of Edenfield

Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

Saturday 29th February 10am to 2pm

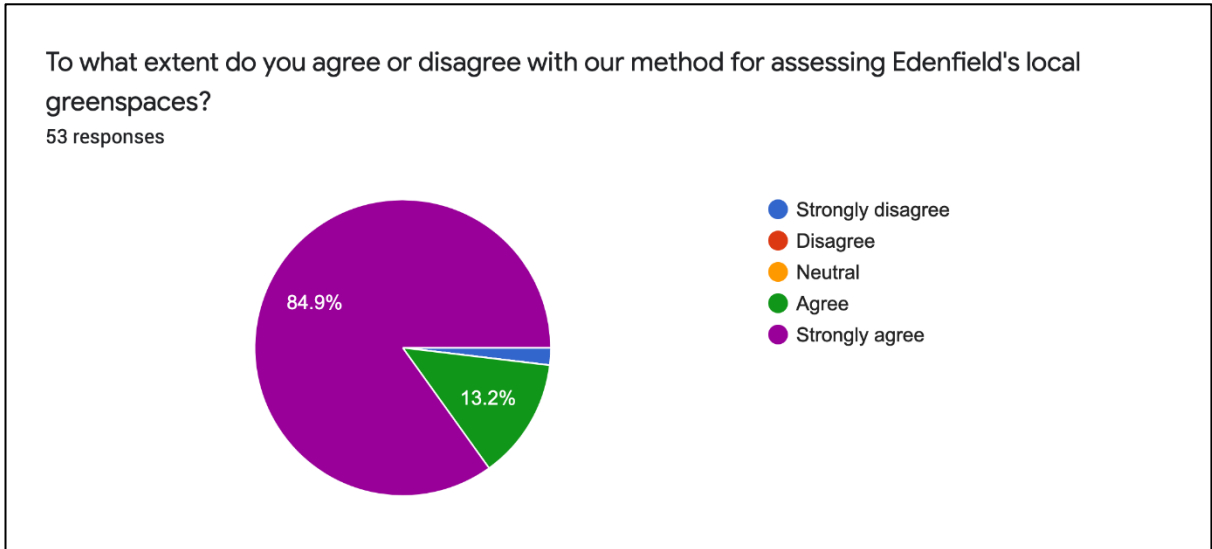
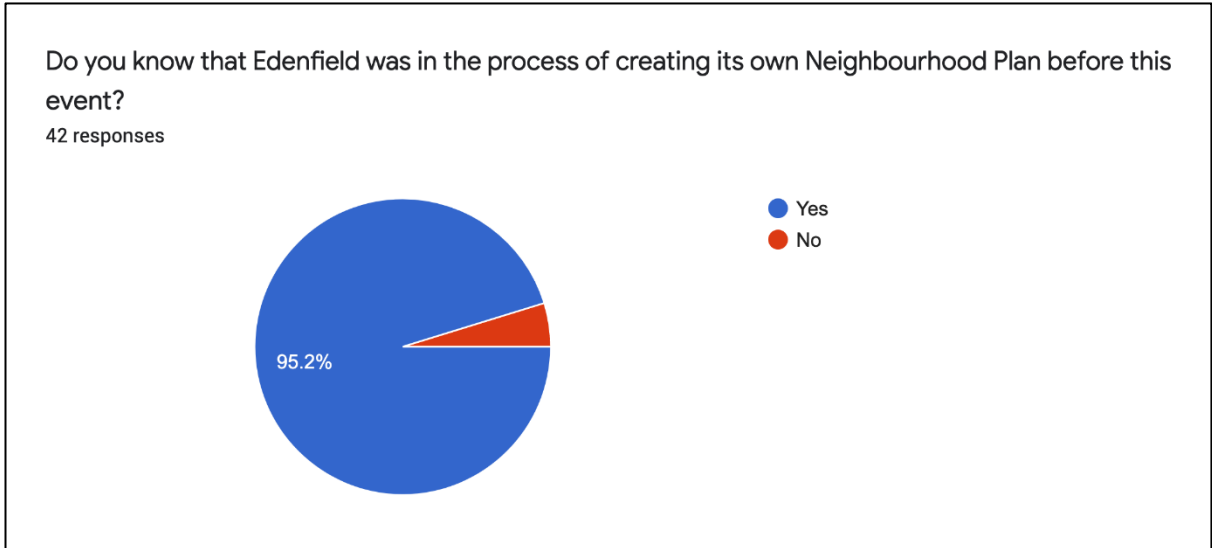
Edenfield Community Centre, Exchange Street

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area. Over the last eighteen months the Forum Management Committee has been working on a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. We now need your views on the work we have done and how you would like to see the village develop in the future. We will then take this information into account when finalising the Plan before it is put to Rossendale Council and an independent examiner.

If you would like a say in how Edenfield will evolve in the years to come or if you just want to see what is going on please call in and see us at the Community Centre anytime between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 29th February. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits.

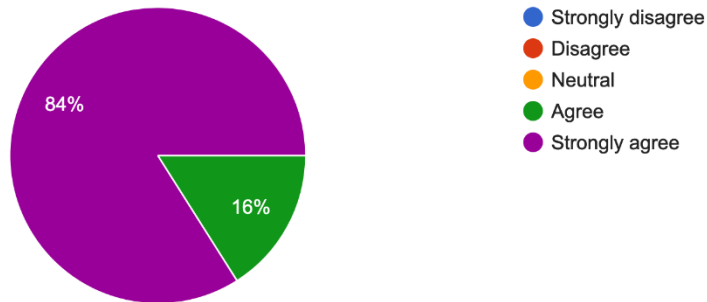
More information on Neighbourhood Plans can be found on the Locality website www.neighbourhoodplanning.org or contact Ian Lord at ianblord@btinternet.com or on 07808 724477.

Appendix 11: March 2020 Community Consultation Survey Responses



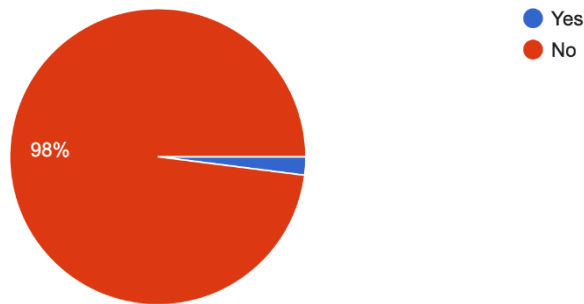
Do you agree or disagree with our method for assessing Edenfield's locally important views?

50 responses

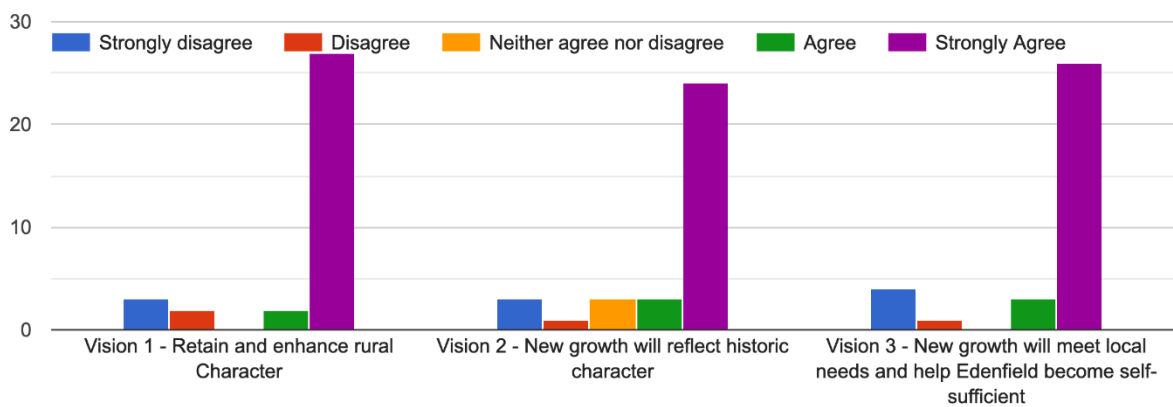


Are there any key views that are missing from this map that we did not assess? If so, could you please draw them on the physical map in this room!

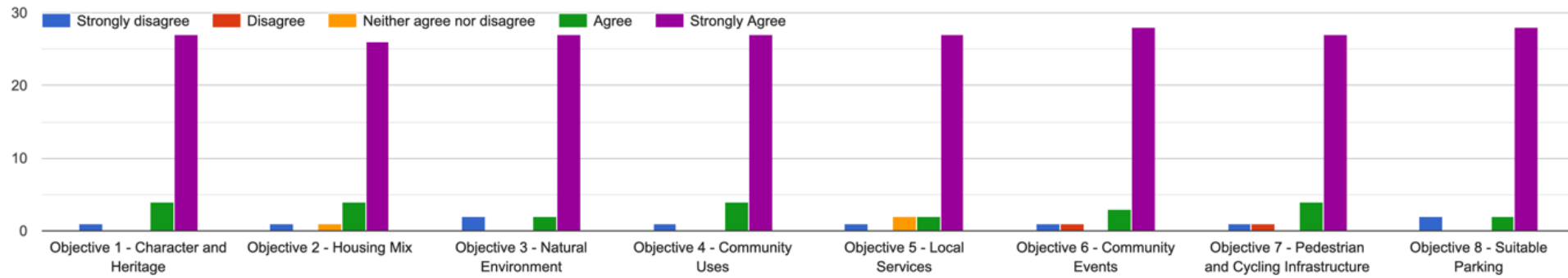
50 responses



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the visions of the neighbourhood plan?



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the objectives of the neighbourhood plan?



Appendix 12: 14th July 2022

Meeting Minutes

EDENFIELD COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) HELD ON THURSDAY 14th JULY 2022 AT EDENFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

ATTENDEES - Management Committee - Ian Lord (Chair), Margaret Filkins (Treasurer), Mervyn MacDonald (Acting Secretary), Richard Lester and David Rawcliffe. 40 members

APOLOGIES - Management Committee - Paul Bradburn and Richard Bishop. 5 members

- 1) Opening remarks and welcome** – The meeting commenced at 7.47pm with the Chair (IL) welcoming all attendees and then introducing the Management Committee members in attendance. He explained that it had not been possible to hold AGMs over the last two years due to Covid restrictions so now was the opportunity to catch up. He also explained that non-members had been invited to attend, but not vote, as the Forum was keen for all to have the chance to express their views. Furthermore, non-members were encouraged to become members and potentially to become Management Committee members .
- 2) Apologies** – IL gave details of those who had sent apologies for being unable to attend.
- 3) Disclosable pecuniary interests** – IL explained the need for disclosure of pecuniary interests. None were made.
- 4) Minutes from last AGM held 26 March 2019** – IL advised that these had been distributed to all members with the notice of the meeting. He asked for a proposer and seconder, from those who had attended the 2019 meeting, that the minutes prepared be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was proposed by Stuart Dearden, seconded by Vince Brady, and approved by way of a show of hands with no objections.
- 5) Forum activity report and 7) Development of ex green belt land** – An Activity Report had been distributed prior to the meeting which gave a summary of the Forum’s activities since its commencement in 2017 and included a summary of the Forum’s income and expenditure also from commencement and up to the end of the last financial year on 31 December 2021. Additional copies were available for anyone who required one. IL advised that the Local Plan (2019 – 2036) for Rossendale had now been formally approved by the Council and he further explained that despite the considerable efforts of the Forum and others the attempts to persuade the Council and the independent Planning Inspectors to desist from removing the

H66 land west of Market Street from Green Belt had ended in failure. This produced a number of comments from the floor from which it was clear that all those who spoke were most unhappy about the position albeit for various reasons. Transport issues were mentioned several times and IL advised that one of the conditions that needed to be satisfied before actual building could commence was a proper transport assessment and also for the issue of schooling provision to be resolved. He also mentioned that another condition was that a masterplan be produced which produced another adverse response from the floor in respect of the recent document issued by two of the developers. IL advised he did not believe the recent document was a true masterplan as envisaged in the Local Plan and that the Forum would be seeking for this to be rectified but ultimately it was a matter for the Council to deal with. He also explained that the Neighbourhood Plan and associated Design Code should be followed by developers which might help with some of the points raised. Vince Brady addressed the meeting from the floor to advise that he had attended many of the public hearings in front of the Planning Inspectors and felt that the case put forward by the Forum was comprehensive and professional. Councillor Anne Cheetham raised points about Market Street parking and also that Lancashire County Council had resolved to better supervise parking in and around all the schools under its control plus that other transport issues were likely to arise when United Utilities started work in the Edenfield area on the Haweswater aqueduct. There was also a suggestion that a one way system should be considered. IL concluded that there was a lot for the Forum to consider from the points raised which would be considered at the next Management Committee meeting.

- 6) Financial Reports and approval of accounts** – IL advised that, in addition to the summary of figures given as part of the Activity Report the Forum's accounts for the years ended 31 December 2019, 2020, and 2021 had been distributed to members with the Notice convening the AGM. He asked whether there were any questions or comments but there were none. He asked for a proposer and seconder that the accounts be approved. This was proposed by Barbara Lord, seconded by Jenny Mead, and approved by way of a show of hands with no objections. Margaret Filkins was standing down from the position of Treasurer and IL thanked her for her excellent work over the last four years.
- 8) Neighbourhood Plan** – IL explained that the draft Neighbourhood Plan was being changed to reflect the new Local Plan (2019 – 2036) as adopted by the Council in December 2021. The Design Code had been updated and the revised version had been supplied to the Council who in turn had supplied them to some developers. He further explained that it was hoped the updated version of the Neighbourhood Plan would be available for public consultation in the near future and for the public referendum within nine month's time.

9) Fund Raising – IL advised that as per the accounts the Forum had undertaken various fund-raising events over the years to 2019 but nothing over the last couple of years. He further explained that although almost all funds raised had been spent there was no immediate need for further funds until there was documentation from the developers that needed consideration. In response to a question from the floor he said he thought the most likely area of expenditure would be with transport advisors. Mervyn MacDonald commented that it would be possible to spend almost unlimited funds, but the Forum had to be realistic. He added that to date many free of charge hours had been spent on Forum activities by some Committee members which if undertaken by third parties would have involved considerable costs. He further added that going forward it was important that the Forum gained additional Committee members.

10) Election of Management Committee – IL reported that Alan Ashworth and Mark Whitehead were both not seeking re-election and that Paul Williams had resigned as a Management Committee member in 2021. He thanked them all for their extensive work for the Forum over the last four years. He further reported that the remaining seven Management Committee members (five in attendance plus Paul Bradburn and Richard Bishop) were all seeking re-election. Furthermore, Helen McVey had indicated prior to the meeting that she would like to join the Management Committee. Volunteers were sought from the floor for additional Management Committee members and Vince Brady put his name forward. IL asked for a proposer and seconder that the Management Committee be elected en bloc consisting of himself, Margaret Filkins, Richard Lester, David Rawcliffe, Mervyn MacDonald, Paul Bradburn, Richard Bishop, Helen McVey, and Vince Brady. This was proposed by Stuart Dearden, seconded by Karen Lester and approved by way of a show of hands with no objections. IL thanked the members for their support and advised there were still spaces available on the Management Committee and should anyone wish to volunteer after the meeting then they should contact him at any time.

11) Date of next meeting – IL advised that the next AGM would likely take place in March 2023. If, in the meantime, a general meeting of members was needed then one would be arranged.

12) Any other business – From the floor Quintin Crossley suggested that if “foot-soldiers” were required to canvass support for Forum membership or some other reason he would be prepared to assist and there could be others who would be similarly like-minded.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm

Appendix 13: 14th March 2023

Draft Meeting Minutes

EDENFIELD COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) HELD ON TUESDAY 21st
MARCH 2023 AT EDENFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

ATTENDEES - Management Committee - Ian Lord (Chairperson), Mervyn MacDonald (Treasurer and Acting Secretary for the AGM), Margaret Filkins, Richard Bishop, Paul Bradburn, Helen McVey, Vince Brady, Richard Lester and David Rawcliffe plus co-opted members Ben Bentley and Martin Dearden.

APOLOGIES - Management Committee - None

ATTENDEES - Members - 21

APOLOGIES - Members - 4

- 7) Opening remarks and welcome** - The meeting commenced at 7.46pm with the Chairperson (IL) welcoming all attendees and introducing the Management Committee members in attendance. He explained that this third AGM was taking place nine months after the last AGM to realign the AGM into March each year following the disruption caused by Covid restrictions. He then explained that non members had been invited to attend, but not vote, as the Forum was keen for all to have the chance to participate. He also advised that the Forum now had circa 350 members representing 28% of households in Edenfield up by 10% over the last year. This, he explained, was a welcome increase and helped to give the Forum a stronger voice with the Council.
- 8) Apologies** - IL gave details of one member who had sent apologies for being unable to attend and a further three apologies were given from the floor.
- 9) Disclosable pecuniary interests** - IL explained the need for disclosure of pecuniary interests. None were made.
- 10) Minutes from last AGM held 14 July 2022** - IL advised that these had been distributed to all members with the notice of the meeting and further copies had been given out to attendees on their arrival. He asked for any errors or omissions to be brought to the attention of the meeting but none arose. He therefore asked for a proposer and seconder that the minutes prepared be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting held 14 July 2022. This was proposed by Paul Bradburn seconded by John Ayers and approved by way of a show of hands with no objections.
- 11) Treasurer's Report and Approval of the Year Ended 31 December 2022 Accounts** - The Treasurer referred the meeting to the 2022 Accounts and his

written report thereon distributed in advance of the meeting with the notice convening the meeting and further copies given out to attendees on their arrival. He then gave a brief overview of the figures and invited questions from the floor of which there were none. IL asked for a proposer and seconder to the resolution to approve the Accounts. The proposer was David Fisher, seconded by Peter Dawson and the accounts were approved by way of a show of hands with no objections.

12) Forum activity report - IL advised that it was a requirement that Forum members were appraised of Forum activities and an activity report covering the period since the last AGM had been distributed to members with the notice convening the meeting with further copies given out to attendees on their arrival. He commented that much of the activity of the Forum over the last nine months was probably well known to members as it was mostly in respect of the consultations undertaken by developers which the Forum had made considerable efforts to encourage all residents to participate in. Questions or comments were invited but none arose. IL advised that as the activity report was for information only it was not necessary/appropriate for it to be formally approved.

13) Development of ex Green Belt land (site H66) - IL advised that following the Local Plan (2019 – 2036) for Rossendale being formally approved by the Council in December 2021 it was not surprising that developers had now moved towards planning applications. In this respect he advised that the Forum had established a very useful pattern of meetings with the planning office and so far meetings had taken place in October 2022 and January 2023 with a further meeting scheduled for next week. It appeared that the Council were engaging positively with the Forum and keeping the Forum up to date with progress. In addition the Forum had engaged in two meetings with Peel Holdings with another likely to take place in April. However there had been no dialogue with Taylor Wimpey. The Forum was trying to get the best for the Village but there were many issues to resolve not least the high number, wide ranging and well thought out objections from residents to the Taylor Wimpey plans plus the considerable number of more technical objections submitted by statutory consultees. This produced a number of comments from the floor from which it was clear that all those who spoke were most unhappy about the position albeit for various reasons. Matters raised included the lack of a Masterplan in an acceptable form, whether bus companies had been consulted, Exchange Street access issues, the apparent refusal of planning permission on a site in Whalley due to traffic problems which might be a useful precedent and the stance of United Utilities with the potential need for sewerage pumping stations. Transport and car parking issues were mentioned several times and IL advised that the Forum had been in contact and met with LCC Highways Department and had engaged SK Transport to respond to the transport assessment produced by Taylor Wimpey as part of

their planning application. In this respect SK had also had contact with LCC Highways Department. SK were also involved in the representations made at the Public Hearings so were very familiar with the issues involved and would continue to be involved as and when necessary in the future. Points were made about the significant extra traffic produced by by-pass closures, the potential of on street parking being restricted and that recently Bury Road was the subject of a southbound “width restriction” diversion. The status of the Neighbourhood Plan and associated Design Codes was also raised and IL explained they would have to be followed once adopted and should at least be considered in the period prior to formal adoption, which might help with some of the points raised. IL concluded that there were a number of useful points raised for the Forum to look into which would be considered at the next Management Committee meeting.

13) Neighbourhood Plan - IL explained that the Neighbourhood Plan was currently subject to a Regulation 14 consultation with residents. It had been necessary to change the Plan to reflect the new Local Plan (2019 - 2036) as adopted by the Council in December 2021 which had delayed progress and also meant the Plan’s potential impact had been reduced. Nevertheless it was still important that the Plan be finalised. The consultation had been delayed because of the two Taylor Wimpey consultations undertaken late 2022/early 2023. However it was now ongoing and anybody who had not already done so was encouraged to participate. A full set of documents was available at the back of the room as were paper versions of the feedback form. Alternatively the documents were available on line, or at Rawtenstall library or for inspection at the Community Centre late afternoon on Tuesday 28 March. If anybody needed further help then IL should be at the Community Centre on the 28th or could be contacted via the Forum website.

14) Fund Raising - IL advised that whilst the Forum had undertaken various fund-raising events over the years to 2019 nothing had been done over the last couple of years mainly due to Covid restrictions. He thought the most likely area of future expenditure would be with transport consultants. Over the period December/January/February about £3,000 had been raised in donations and IL thanked those who had contributed. About £1,450 had been spent on transport consultants with further expenditure on publicity distributed throughout the village. There was a small amount of funds in hand but, as ever, any further donations would be much appreciated.

15) Election of Management Committee - IL advised, that as notified to members by email, he intended to stand down as Chairperson. However in that the procedure at the AGM was to just elect Management Committee members who then at a later date elected the Forum Officers he would remain in position until the next Management Committee meeting. IL then reported that the existing nine Management Committee members had all indicated they wished to stand for reelection. In addition Ben Bentley (currently a co-

opted member to the Management Committee) had indicated he wished to stand for election to the Management Committee. IL asked if any member in attendance wished to stand for election as there were still spaces available but there were no takers. IL then asked for a proposer and seconder that a Management Committee be elected en bloc consisting of himself, Margaret Filkins, Richard Lester, David Rawcliffe, Mervyn MacDonald, Paul Bradburn, Richard Bishop, Helen McVey, Vince Brady and Ben Bentley. This was proposed by Moyra Franklin seconded by Quintin Crossley and approved by way of a show of hands with no objections. IL thanked the members for their support.

16) Date of next meeting – IL advised that the next AGM would likely take place in March 2024. If, in the meantime, a general meeting of members was needed then one would be arranged.

17) Any other business – From the floor a vote of thanks was made in respect of IL's service as Chairperson and his considerable amount of work undertaken on behalf of the Forum since it commenced. A vote of thanks was also made in respect of Richard Lester's efforts on behalf of the Forum in producing comprehensive submissions in respect of the four consultations that had been undertaken over the last year.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm

Appendix 14: Regulation 14 Consultation Leaflet – March 2023



Edenfield Draft Neighbourhood Plan

HAVE YOUR SAY

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum are consulting on a draft Neighbourhood Plan for Edenfield. The final Plan will give residents a big say in the future of their village so we want your views. The following pages include:

- Explanation of what a Neighbourhood Plan is
- Summaries of what is in the Plan
- Information on how you can see all the Plan documents
- Information on how you can let us have your views

CONSULTATION

3rd March until 17th April 2023

DROP IN EVENT

11th March 2023

Edenfield Community Centre

**EDENFIELD DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION**



Edenfield Draft Neighbourhood Plan

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

With your support the Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum has produced a draft Neighbourhood Plan for the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area. The Forum would like to thank both Troy Planning and Design and AECOM UK for the considerable assistance and advice they provided during the Plan's preparation.

Once the Plan has been approved it will be part of the development plan for the Edenfield Area alongside the Rossendale Local Plan. Decisions by Rossendale Council on planning applications, or by a planning inspector on appeal, must be made in accordance with the policies of the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Neighbourhood Plans are governed by the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 and there are still a number of steps to go before the Edenfield Plan is brought into force. After this consultation (which is known as the Regulation 14 consultation) the Forum will amend the Plan taking into account any comments received. The revised Plan will then be submitted to Rossendale Council who will check that the legal process has been correctly followed and will then publicise it in a further consultation. The Plan and any comments received will be passed to an independent Examiner who will check that it conforms with national and local planning policies. The final stage is a referendum of all residents of the Neighbourhood Area which requires a majority of over 50% (of those voting) for the Plan to be approved and become part of the development plan for Edenfield.

Neighbourhood Plan Process





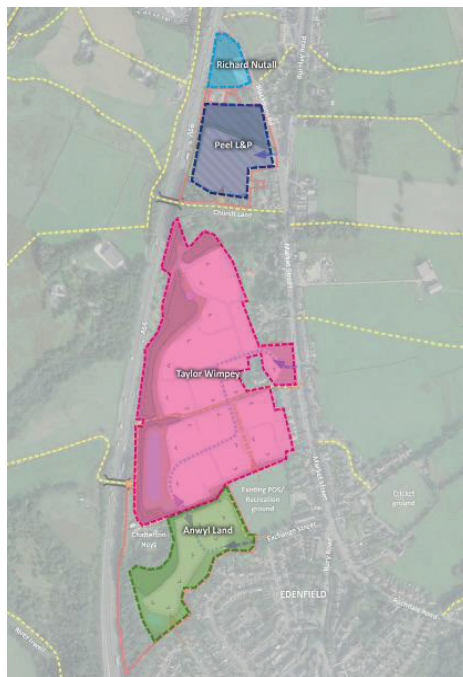
Edenfield Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Development of the land west of Market Street (site H66)

This site which has four different landowners was allocated for development in the Rossendale Local Plan 2019 to 2036 which was approved in December 2021. Two planning applications (including the recent one by Taylor Wimpey) have already been submitted for part of the site and it is possible that there may be others before the Neighbourhood Plan is approved. Once the Neighbourhood Plan has been approved the Council have to take into account its policies when considering planning applications.

Although the Plan is unlikely to be approved before late 2023 the Council may give weight to its policies before then with the more advanced the preparation of the Plan the greater the weight that may be given

Map of site H66 showing the various landowners



Map showing ECNF Neighbourhood Area





What is the focus of the Neighbourhood Plan

During engagement with residents, businesses and others whilst the Plan was being prepared a number of important observations and concerns were identified including:

- Recognition that Edenfield is a **rural settlement** with picturesque views of the countryside, and the Neighbourhood Plan must retain and strengthen this characteristic of the area.
- A desire to protect connections to the natural environment through open and green spaces which are valued by local residents and visitors.
- Clear support to enhancing the accessibility of important local services, especially doctors, dentists, post offices, recreational areas, and secondary schools.
- A desire for policy requirements on new developments in the village to reflect the local scale and historic character of surrounding buildings
- Acknowledgement that the private car and its impacts such as on-street parking, traffic, congestion, and speed of vehicles have an impact on journey times, and on pedestrian and cycle safety which must be addressed

These formed the basis of our vision, objectives and policies.



Our proposed vision for Edenfield is:

Over the Plan period the rural character of Edenfield will be retained and strengthened. New growth will reflect the historic character of the village and its setting, with the role of the Community Centre and Cricket Club reinforced as focal points of the local community.

New growth that takes place will be in response to meeting local needs and those specified for Edenfield in adopted Rossendale Local Plans. Growth will also help Edenfield become more self-sufficient, supporting existing and new daily amenities and services, including improved public transport, walking and cycling facilities, providing a range of mobility choices for all to reduce the reliance on the private car.



Edenfield Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Our proposed objectives of the Plan

- To ensure that the character and heritage of Edenfield is maintained, using sustainable, high quality, traditional and innovative materials for all new development, and to ensure that any development on land designated as Green Belt is consistent with the purposes of that designation.
- To support sustainable development that reflects housing needs and preferences of the local community – considering affordability, type and mix. The size, density and design of these dwellings should reflect the rural character of Edenfield
- To maintain, conserve and enhance the natural environment, particularly through designated Local Green Spaces and the retention of public views particularly of the Irwell Valley and Edenfield Parish Church, ensuring connections to the natural environment are maintained.
- To ensure Edenfield Recreation Ground, the playground on Exchange Street and the Edenfield Cricket Club are retained for their current use and maintained to a high standard.
- To support existing local services and promote the establishment of new local services to serve the community through the utilisation of existing buildings for alternative purposes. Establishment of retail services will be subject to the provisions of policies R1, R3, R4, R5 and R6 of the Rossendale Local Plan 2019-2036 particularly in relation to the Edenfield Neighbourhood Parade as defined in that Plan.
- To support the preservation of existing community facilities for community events and support the establishment of new facilities.
- To improve the pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and network.
- To ensure that, where parking is provided, it is well-designed and suitably located, so that it is used as intended and does not have a detrimental impact on the street scene, character and amenity.



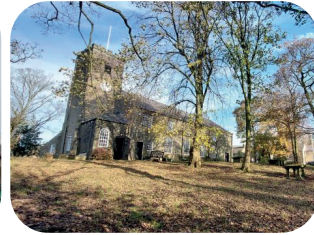


Our proposed policies

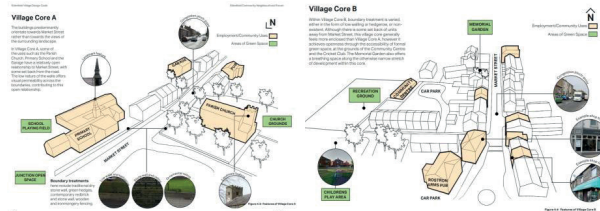
Key themes emerged during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan which are reflected in the locally specific policies set out in sections 5-14 of the Plan. These are summarised under the following headings:

- Development & settlement limits
- Housing
- Design
- Heritage Assets
- Transport and Travel
- Infrastructure Facilities
- Local Centre and Commerce
- Green Infrastructure
- Natural Environment
- Delivery, monitoring and review

These policies are an opportunity to influence the quality of future development, improve the look and feel of the village, preserve and maintain historical characteristics of the village and surrounding countryside, enhance the quality of green spaces, improve access and movement, and proactively plan for housing delivery in a manner that respects the village's rural character. Once the Plan is approved they will be taken into consideration by Rossendale Council when assessing planning applications relating to Edenfield.



Heritage assets. These include the Rostron Arms and Edenfield Parish Church



Design. A comprehensive Design Code is included at Appendix 3



~h point 1: Market Street north



~h point 2: Market Street south

Transport and travel. Traffic has been identified as a key issue



Green Spaces. The cricket field, the recreation ground and the playground are proposed for protection



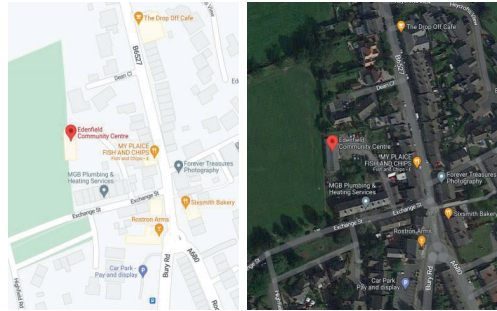
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Drop-in event

There will be a drop-in event on Saturday 11th March at the Edenfield Community Centre from 10am until 2.30pm. This is open to anybody to attend. Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Members of the Forum's Management Committee will be on hand to answer questions.

Hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan will be available to view with displays of the most important parts.



How do I view the Neighbourhood Plan?

The Plan can be viewed or downloaded on the Forum's website: edenfieldcommunityforum.uk

Hard copies of the Plan are available to view at these places:

- at Rawtenstall Library (Community History section), Queen's Square, Rawtenstall, BB4 8QU during usual opening times.
- at the Community Centre Drop-In between 10.00am until 2.30pm on Saturday 11th March
- at the Community Centre between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Tuesday 7th March
- at the Community Centre between 5.00pm and 7.00pm on Tuesday 28th March

Please tell us what you think

We welcome your views on the Plan ideally on our Feedback Form.

The Form can be completed and submitted on the Forum's website or downloaded:
www.edenfieldcommunityforum.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

Hard copies of the Feedback Form can be collected at the places and times listed under viewing details above.

If you are unable to collect or download a Form you can e-mail neighbourhoodplan@edenfieldcommunityforum.uk or call 07808 724477 with your address and we will deliver.

Completed forms can be submitted by e-mail to neighbourhoodplan@edenfieldcommunityforum.uk or delivered by hand to 123 Market Street, Edenfield or 2 Highfield Road, Edenfield.

The consultation will close on Monday 17th April 2023 so all feedback must be received by that date.



**For more information on the Forum please visit our website
www.edenfieldcommunityforum.uk**

**Why not become a member - see application form on the website for details
<https://edenfieldcommunityforum.uk/join-us/>**

Appendix 15: Regulation 14 Consultation Feedback Form

REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION: FEEDBACK FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY 17th APRIL 2023

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum are seeking your views on the draft Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan. All comments received will be reviewed and considered when preparing the final version.

Before you complete this feedback please do take the time to familiarise yourself with the draft Plan. This is available online at the Edenfield Community Forum website: www.edenfieldcommunityforum.uk

Hard copies of the Plan can be seen at:

- Rawtenstall Library (Community History section), Queen's Square, Rawtenstall BB4 8QU
- Edenfield Community Centre off Exchange Street between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Tuesday 7th March and between 5pm and 7pm on Tuesday 28th March
- Community Centre Drop-in on 11th March from 10am until 2.30pm

This Form can also be completed online on the Forum's website

PART 1: YOUR DETAILS Please note that fields marked with a [*] are required.

Name [*]	
Organisation/business	
Email address or phone number [*]	
Address [*]	
Post Code [*]	

Do you:

Live in Edenfield [*]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Work in Edenfield [*]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other (please indicate)	

How old are you [*]

Under 18	18 - 25	26 - 35	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	Over 65	Would rather not say

PART 2: COMMENTS

The draft Neighbourhood Plan includes a series of proposed policies in sections 5 to 14 that will help shape future change and development in Edenfield.

Please use the tables overleaf to provide your comments on this draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Your comments will be read and considered carefully and may result in modifications to the draft Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to Rossendale Borough Council for independent examination.

The form can be completed online at:

<https://edenfieldcommunityforum.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

This form can also be returned by email, to:

neighbourhoodplan@edenfieldcommunityforum.uk

Alternatively, the form can be returned by post to:

2 Highfield Road, Edenfield, BLO 0LB or to:

123 Market Street, Edenfield, BLO 0JJ

Thank you very much for your time and feedback.

PROPOSED POLICIES

Please circle the number which most closely reflects your views:

1: strongly agree 2: agree 3: neither agree nor disagree 4: disagree 5: strongly disagree

Policy reference	Proposed Policies	Please circle one number per row				
	Development within and beyond settlement limits (pages 16-17)					
UB1	Future development and the settlement boundary	1	2	3	4	5
	Housing (pages 18-19)					
HO1	Identified housing needs	1	2	3	4	5
HO2	Affordable housing delivery	1	2	3	4	5
HO3	Affordable housing eligibility	1	2	3	4	5
	Design (pages 20-23)					
D1	Design standards/village character/amenity standards	1	2	3	4	5
D2	Built heritage and character	1	2	3	4	5
	Heritage Assets (pages 24-29)					
HE1	Conservation and enhancement	1	2	3	4	5
HE2	Non-designated heritage assets	1	2	3	4	5
HE3	Planning applications and heritage assets	1	2	3	4	5
	Transport and Travel (pages 30-31)					
T1	Promotion of sustainable forms of transport	1	2	3	4	5
T2	Mitigation measures and Transport Assessments	1	2	3	4	5
	Local Community Infrastructure Facilities (pages 32-34)					
LC1	Proposals for new, improved or extended community facilities	1	2	3	4	5
LC2	Required local infrastructure	1	2	3	4	5
	Local Centre and Commerce (pages 35-36)					
E1	Planning permissions - commercial, business and service establishments	1	2	3	4	5
E2	Loss of commercial, business and service establishments	1	2	3	4	5
	Green Infrastructure (pages 37-39)					
GI1	Local Green Space designations	1	2	3	4	5
GI2	Connectivity between wildlife areas and green spaces	1	2	3	4	5
GI3	Accessibility to footpaths, cycle paths and green spaces	1	2	3	4	5
GI4	New development and Local Green Spaces	1	2	3	4	5
	Natural Environment (pages 40-44)					
NE1	Locally Important Views	1	2	3	4	5
NE2	Development proposals and the local environment	1	2	3	4	5
NE3	Development and landscape and topography	1	2	3	4	5
NE4	Development and ecology	1	2	3	4	5
NE5	Site H66 (land west of Market Street) design and layout criteria	1	2	3	4	5
NE6	Site H66 (land west of Market Street) mitigation measures	1	2	3	4	5
	Delivery, monitoring and review (page 45)					
DMR1	Local Infrastructure Delivery Plan	1	2	3	4	5
DMR2	Neighbourhood Plan reviews	1	2	3	4	5

OTHER COMMENTS

If you have any comments or suggested modifications please add them here, stating the section of the draft Plan to which they refer. Please continue on separate sheets if necessary.

Section or policy reference	Comment

PART 3: CONSENT

We need to store your personal information in order to receive your comments. Please confirm whether you agree to the following:

I consent to Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum storing my personal data [*]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I consent to my name being published alongside my comments in the Consultation Statement prepared for submission and examination of the Neighbourhood Plan [*]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I consent to be contacted with regard to my response by Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum [*]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): protecting your data

A summary of all comments will be made publicly available. Please note that any other personal information provided will be confidential and processed in line with the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation. Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum will process your details in relation to the preparation of this document only.

As part of the consultation and in line with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) please confirm that you are happy for Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum to pass on your contact details (name, address, email address) to Rossendale Borough Council so that they can contact you at the Regulation 16 consultation and examination stages if required.

I consent to Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum passing my contact details (name, address, email address) to Rossendale Borough Council so that I can be contacted regarding the Regulation 16 consultation and examination stages [*]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Appendix 16: E-mail to Statutory Consultees

E-mail to consultees re Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan

Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan consultation

Dear consultee

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum are starting a Regulation 14 consultation on their draft Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan. As we believe that the interests of your organisation may be affected by the Plan we are letting you know about this consultation so that you can let us have your feedback.

Attached is a summary of the Plan which is being distributed to all homes and businesses in the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area. The Plan documents can be accessed on the Forum's website: www.edenfieldcommunityforum.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ . Also hard copies are available to view – details of where are given in the summary.

You can let us have your views on the Plan by completing the Feedback Form which can be done either online at the above website address or by completing a hard copy. Alternatively you can send us an e-mail to: neighbourhoodplan@edenfieldcommunityforum.uk .

Kind Regards

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Appendix 17: Statutory consultees

Statutory Consultees
Bury LPA
Cadent
Civic Pride Rossendale
Clinical Commissioning Group
Coal Authority
Edenfield Church
Electricity North West
Environment Agency
Equality and Human Rights Commission
Fire Brigade - Planning Liaison
Health and Safety Executive
Highways England (now National Highways)
Historic England
Homes England
Lancashire Constabulary - Rossendale
Lancashire Enterprise Partnership
Lancashire County Council - Ethnic Minority and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Achievement Service
Laancashire County Council- Lead Local Flood Authority
Laancashire County Council- Public Health
Laancashire County Council- Education
Laancashire County Council- Highways
M3Project
Mobile Operators Association
National Grid Electric
National Grid Gas
Network Rail
Office of Rail and Road
Pennine Prospects
Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum
Rossendale Civic Trust
Rossendale Disability Information Service
Rossendale Transport
Sport England
RNIB NW
Theatres Trust
United Utilities
Valley at Work
Valley Heritage
Valley Supported Living
Rossendale Borough Council Forward planning
Local organisations
Edenfield Cricket Club
Edenfield Village Residents Association
Edenfield District Community Association
Edenfield Horticultural Society
Edenfield History Society

Appendix 18: Proposed Policies Feedback summary

PROPOSED POLICIES FEEDBACK SUMMARY (number of respondents)

Scores: 1: strongly agree 2: agree 3: neither agree nor disagree 4: disagree 5: strongly disagree

Policy reference	Proposed Policies	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	Development within and beyond settlement limits (pages 16-17)						
UB1	Future development and the settlement boundary	32	9	2	1	3	47
	Housing (pages 18-19)						
HO1	Identified housing needs	27	15		2	3	47
HO2	Affordable housing delivery	30	8	4		4	46
HO3	Affordable housing eligibility	28	13	1		4	46
	Design (pages 20-23)						
D1	Design standards/village character/amenity standards	36	7	1		3	47
D2	Built heritage and character	38	6			2	46
	Heritage Assets (pages 24-29)						
HE1	Conservation and enhancement	36	7	1	2	1	47
HE2	Non-designated heritage assets	31	9	2	1	2	45
HE3	Planning applications and heritage assets	32	8	2		3	45
	Transport and Travel (pages 30-31)						
T1	Promotion of sustainable forms of transport	34	8	2		2	46
T2	Mitigation measures and Transport Assessments	36	7		1	2	46
	Local Community Infrastructure Facilities (pages 32-34)						
LC1	Proposals for new, improved or extended community facilities	33	9	3	1	1	47
LC2	Required local infrastructure	30	13	2		2	47
	Local Centre and Commerce (pages 35-36)						
E1	Planning permissions - commercial, business and service establishments	29	15			2	46
E2	Loss of commercial, business and service establishments	28	14	2		3	47
	Green Infrastructure (pages 37-39)						
GI1	Local Green Space designations	38	7			3	48
GI2	Connectivity between wildlife areas and green spaces	36	8		1	2	47
GI3	Accessibility to footpaths, cycle paths and green spaces	38	5	1	2		46
GI4	New development and Local Green Spaces	40	3	2	1	2	48
	Natural Environment (pages 40-44)						
NE1	Locally Important Views	39	5			3	47
NE2	Development proposals and the local environment	34	10		1	2	47
NE3	Development and landscape and topography	37	7		1	2	47
NE4	Development and ecology	33	7	3	1	2	46
NE5	Site H66 (land west of Market Street) design and layout criteria	34	6	2		4	46
NE6	Site H66 (land west of Market Street) mitigation measures	31	7	3	1	4	46
	Delivery, monitoring and review (page 45)						
DMR1	Local Infrastructure Delivery Plan	31	13		1	2	47
DMR2	Neighbourhood Plan reviews	33	11			3	47

PROPOSED POLICIES FEEDBACK SUMMARY (% of respondents)

Scores: 1: strongly agree 2: agree 3: neither agree nor disagree 4: disagree 5: strongly disagree

Policy reference	Proposed Policies	1	2	3	4	5
	Development within and beyond settlement limits (pages 16-17)					
UB1	Future development and the settlement boundary	68%	19%	4%	2%	6%
	Housing (pages 18-19)					
HO1	Identified housing needs	57%	32%	0%	4%	6%
HO2	Affordable housing delivery	65%	17%	9%	0%	9%
HO3	Affordable housing eligibility	61%	28%	2%	0%	9%
	Design (pages 20-23)					
D1	Design standards/village character/amenity standards	77%	15%	2%	0%	6%
D2	Built heritage and character	83%	13%	0%	0%	4%
	Heritage Assets (pages 24-29)					
HE1	Conservation and enhancement	77%	15%	2%	4%	2%
HE2	Non-designated heritage assets	69%	20%	4%	2%	4%
HE3	Planning applications and heritage assets	71%	18%	4%	0%	7%
	Transport and Travel (pages 30-31)					
T1	Promotion of sustainable forms of transport	74%	17%	4%	0%	4%
T2	Mitigation measures and Transport Assessments	78%	15%	0%	2%	4%
	Local Community Infrastructure Facilities (pages 32-34)					
LC1	Proposals for new, improved or extended community facilities	70%	19%	6%	2%	2%
LC2	Required local infrastructure	64%	28%	4%	0%	4%
	Local Centre and Commerce (pages 35-36)					
E1	Planning permissions - commercial, business and service establishments	63%	33%	0%	0%	4%
E2	Loss of commercial, business and service establishments	60%	30%	4%	0%	6%
	Green Infrastructure (pages 37-39)					
GI1	Local Green Space designations	79%	15%	0%	0%	6%
GI2	Connectivity between wildlife areas and green spaces	77%	17%	0%	2%	4%
GI3	Accessibility to footpaths, cycle paths and green spaces	83%	11%	2%	4%	0%
GI4	New development and Local Green Spaces	83%	6%	4%	2%	4%
	Natural Environment (pages 40-44)					
NE1	Locally Important Views	83%	11%	0%	0%	6%
NE2	Development proposals and the local environment	72%	21%	0%	2%	4%
NE3	Development and landscape and topography	79%	15%	0%	2%	4%
NE4	Development and ecology	72%	15%	7%	2%	4%
NE5	Site H66 (land west of Market Street) design and layout criteria	74%	13%	4%	0%	9%
NE6	Site H66 (land west of Market Street) mitigation measures	67%	15%	7%	2%	9%
	Delivery, monitoring and review (page 45)					
DMR1	Local Infrastructure Delivery Plan	66%	28%	0%	2%	4%
DMR2	Neighbourhood Plan reviews	70%	23%	0%	0%	6%

Appendix 19: Summary of material amendments to the Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan

Following are the material amendments incorporated in the submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan following the consultation on the Regulation 14 version of the Plan

GENERAL

Policy names have been added to all of the policy numbers.

1) INTRODUCTION

1.7 Figure 2 has been extended to include Engagement Activities after September 2022 which are detailed in appendix 6.

1.13 The following sentence has been added: *"The Rossendale Local Plan includes strategic policies for Edenfield, as noted at paragraphs 5.4 to 5.6 below, as well as site-specific policies for three housing allocations located in the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area."*

1.14 *"quality design"* has been replaced by *"good quality design"*.

2) History, Local Characteristics and Heritage Assets

2.8 An additional paragraph which reads: *"Historic England Advice Note 7 (Second Edition) Local Heritage Listing: Identifying and Conserving Local Heritage at paragraph 36 summarises commonly applied selection criteria for assessing the suitability of assets for inclusion in a local heritage list. These include age, rarity, architectural and artistic interest, group value and historic interest. The buildings identified in Table 2 all satisfy one or more of those criteria."*

2.9 An additional paragraph which reads: *"The Rossendale Local Plan 2019 - 2036 identifies some non-listed heritage assets in the Neighbourhood Area. These are Chatterton Hey (Heaton House), Mushroom House and the former Vicarage (paragraph 4 of the site-specific policy for housing allocation reference H66 Land west of Market Street) and Edenwood Mill (paragraph 1 of the site-specific policy for site H67)."*

4) EDENFIELD TOMORROW

Vision 4.1 *"daily amenities"* has been replaced by *"amenities"*

Objectives 4.2

Paragraph 1) The wording has been replaced by: *"Using sustainable, high quality, traditional materials for new development to maintain and strengthen the character and*

heritage of Edenfield, whilst still allowing for high quality and sustainable design innovation and growth."

New paragraph 2) has been inserted which reads: *"To ensure that any development on land designated as Green Belt is consistent with the purposes of that designation".*

Paragraph 3 (previously 2): *"housing needs"* has been replaced by *"local housing needs"* and *"preferences of the local community"* has been replaced by *"requirements of the local community"*.

Paragraph 5 (previously 4): Edenfield Community Centre has been added to the facilities that are retained.

Vision/Objectives/Policy Table 4.3

Third box under "Vision": *"meeting local needs"* has been replaced by *"Meeting local needs and strategic housing policy"* and *"daily amenities"* has been replaced by *"amenities"*.

5) DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AND BEYOND SETTLEMENT LIMITS

5.2 A The following sentence has been added: *"Through the development of Site H66, some change to the existing pattern of development of the settlement will take place with the northern extent of the settlement becoming less linear. This will deliver a sustainable pattern of development by bringing new homes, population and associated expenditure into the settlement in close proximity to the settlement's centre and associated services."*

5.4 The following sentence has been added: *"The adopted Rossendale Local Plan removed the Green Belt designation that applied to most of housing allocation reference H66, on the basis that the A56 provides a strong defensible boundary and the site offers the opportunity to provide good quality, well-designed housing to meet Rossendale's housing needs, including local affordable housing, and associated infrastructure benefits."*

5.5 Renumbered as **5.7**

New 5.5 has been inserted which reads:

"The adopted Rossendale Local Plan 2019-2036 is a key part of the current development plan. The preamble to Strategic Policy SS: Spatial Strategy in the Local Plan identifies Edenfield as an Urban Local Service Centre, as distinct from a Key Service Centre or Rural Local Service Centre. This "settlement hierarchy is based on the facilities that are offered at present [December 2021] at each location" (Local Plan, paragraph 25). Geographically, it remains a rural settlement."

New 5.6 has been inserted which reads:

"Strategic Policy HS1: Meeting Rossendale's Housing Requirement, of the Local Plan, stipulates: "The housing requirement figure for Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Area from 2019-2036 is 456 dwellings". Policy HS2 allocates three sites in the Neighbourhood Area for housing development: H65 (9 dwellings), H66 (400) and H67 (47)."

Policy UB1. Development and the settlement boundary

Paragraph 2 which read “Development proposals will be supported within the boundary subject to compliance with other policies in the development plan and where they are in proportion to the existing built form and the overall growth of Rossendale Borough.” has been replaced by “Development proposals will be supported within the settlement boundary subject to compliance with other policies in the development plan.”

A new paragraph 4 has been added which reads: “Where development is proposed on land which was removed from the Green Belt in the Rossendale Local Plan 2019-2036, the developer will be required to provide for compensatory measures in the remaining Green Belt in accordance with Policy SD4 of the Local Plan and other guidance.”

6) HOUSING

Policy HO2. Affordable housing delivery

The policy has been amended to read as follows with the changes highlighted in blue:

*“Proposals for new residential development that **secure (note: previously maximise) the delivery of affordable housing and provide for the size, type and tenure of homes to meet local needs will be supported (note: previously permitted), provided they comply with other policies of the development plan (note: previously Neighbourhood Plan) and with policy HS3 of the adopted Local Plan, the objective of which is the provision of 30% on-site affordable housing from market housing schemes including 10% affordable home ownership. The application of this policy will maintain a focus on affordable housing but will be sufficiently flexible to take account of viability and changing market conditions over time. The size (number of bedrooms), type (flat, house, etc) and tenure (social and affordable rented, intermediate, shared ownership or other) of affordable homes for each proposal will be based on up-to-date evidence of local needs. It is recognised that housing need in the Neighbourhood Area in relation to tenure, mix and type will change over the lifetime of the Neighbourhood Plan.**”*

Policy HO3. Affordable housing eligibility

The policy previously read:

“1. The eligibility for affordable housing will be administered by Rossendale Borough Council as the Housing Authority. However, priority will be given in the first instance to people who can demonstrate a local connection to Edenfield, subject to the below qualifications.

Residency qualification:

- a) have been a resident in Edenfield for 12 continuous months at the time of application; or*
- b) have lived in Edenfield for 3 out of previous 5 years; or*
- c) have close family (mother, father, brother or sister, adult children or grandparent) who have been a resident for 5 continuous years and continue to be resident in Edenfield*

Employment qualification:

2. *An individual will be considered to have a local connection if he/she or his/her partner meets all of the following criteria:*

- a) *The office or business establishment at which the individual works is based in Edenfield; and*
- b) *is in paid employment with a permanent or fixed-term contract or is self-employed and works a minimum of 16 paid hours per week; and*
- c) *has been employed or self-employed for a minimum of 12 continuous months at the time of their application and is currently in employment or self-employment."*

The policy has been substantially reworded to read:

"1. The eligibility for affordable housing will be administered by Rossendale Borough Council as the Housing Authority. However, priority will be given in the first instance to applicants who can demonstrate a local connection to the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area through either of the qualifications below.

2. *Residency qualification:*

- a) *have had their principal residence in the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area for a continuous period of twelve months immediately prior to the application; or*
- b) *have lived in the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area for 3 out of the previous 5 years or for 6 out of the previous 12 months; or*
- c) *have close family (parent, sibling, child or grandparent) who have been resident in the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area for 5 continuous years and continue to reside there.*
- d) *Members of the Armed Forces, veterans of up to 5 years and their spouses/civil partners are exempt from any local connection criteria. Armed Forces members are defined as: a member of the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the British Army or the Royal Air Force or a former member who was a member within the five years prior to the purchase of the First Home, a divorced or separated spouse or civil partner of a member or a spouse or civil partner of a deceased member or former member whose death was caused wholly or partly by their service.*

3. *Employment qualification:*

An individual will be considered to have a local connection if he/she or his/her partner meets all of the following criteria:

- a) *works at or from an office or business establishment based in the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area; and*
- b) *has been in paid employment or self-employed for 12 continuous months at a minimum average of 16 hours per week over a period of 12 continuous months at the time of application.*

4. *In the situation where affordable housing is available but no applicant can demonstrate a local connection to Edenfield, priority will be given to applicants who can demonstrate a local connection to Rossendale, such connection to be determined by reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 above as if "Borough of Rossendale" had been substituted for "Edenfield Neighbourhood Area".*

Policy HO4. Site H66 design and layout

This is a new policy which is substantially the same as policy NE5 in Section 13 which has now been deleted. The policy reads:

- "1. Development of site H66 (land west of Market Street) as identified in the Rossendale Local Plan 2019-2036 will be supported if it also takes into account the following design and layout criteria specified in the Local Plan:*
- a) Retention and strengthening of the woodland enclosures to the north and south of the church.*
 - b) The layout of the housing parcels should be designed to allow views to the Church to continue.*
 - c) The relationship of the new dwellings to the Recreation Ground and to the Community Centre to ensure safe non-vehicular access is provided.*
 - d) Public open space to be provided along the woodland area south of the brook/Church enclosure.*
 - e) Landscaping of an appropriate density and height is implemented throughout the site to "soften" the overall impact of the development and provide a buffer to the new Green Belt boundary.*
 - f) Materials and boundary treatments should reflect the local context.*
- 2. Development of site H66 will be supported if it also takes into account the relationship of the new dwellings to Edenfield Community Centre to ensure safe non-vehicular access is provided."*

7) DESIGN

7.5 A new Character area has been added. Character Area 5 – Former Rural Fringe

Policy D1. Design and amenity standards and village character

Paragraph 2 which read: *"In the case of innovative and contemporary designs be complementary to their context"* has been replaced by *"Any innovative and contemporary designs shall be complementary to their context"*.

Paragraph 3f). *"and openness of the Green Belt"* has been deleted.

Paragraph 3i). *"and water efficiency measures"* has been added after *"energy efficiency measures"*.

Additional paragraphs have been added which read:

3j) "Proposals for development within the Green Belt will be supported only if they accord with national policy (currently set out at paragraphs 147-151 of the NPPF September 2023)".

3k) "The ten Principles of Active Design identified by Sport England and supporting guidance – <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/active-design>".

Paragraph 4. The following has been inserted at the beginning of the paragraph: *"Where planning permission is required"*.

Policy D2. Built heritage and character

Paragraph 1c). The wording previously read:

“Avoiding external materials which include concrete roofing tiles, concrete blocks, and other artificial and synthetic material that do not complement the buff/beige colour of the traditional natural stone, unless there is compelling reason to move away from traditional materials, such as with construction of sustainability focused energy efficient buildings which require different material application”.

The paragraph has been substantially reworded to read:

“The use of traditional, local materials is always preferred. However, modern construction materials such as reconstituted or cast stone may be an appropriate material provided that it results in an appearance that reflects and harmonises with the local stone material palette”.

Paragraph inserted after 1c) which becomes new paragraph 1d) and which reads:
“Other materials may also be appropriate, for example, in sustainably focussed, energy efficient buildings which require different material application”.

Paragraph 1e) (previously 1d) now reads: *“Utilising external building materials and features that reflect the rich heritage of the Neighbourhood Area including Pennine stone, slate pitched roofing, chimney columns and off-set gable ends to match adjacent properties.”* This removes the references to white or timber window frames and brick, stone and clay tiled roofing.

Paragraph 1j) (previously 1i) now reads: *“Creating parking spaces that are visually unobtrusive and use permeable surfaces to allow for rainwater absorption.”* The reference to maintaining a rural character to the street scene has been deleted.

Paragraph inserted after 1 which becomes new paragraph 2 and which reads:
“Nothing in this Policy shall be construed as preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation or change in a proposal for development”.

Paragraph 3 (previously 2). *“Rear parking courtyards will be acceptable....”* has been replaced by *“Rear parking courtyards should be avoided....”*

Paragraph 4 (previously 3). *“set in Building For Life 12”* has been replaced by *“set out in Building for a Healthy Life”*

8) HERITAGE ASSETS

8.2. The last sentence previously read *“Table 4 and Figure 6 provide further details on the historic elements in the parish”*. This has been replaced by: *“Table 4 and Figure 6 provide further details about some of the non-listed historic elements in the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area.”*

8.3 The second and third sentences have been transferred to a new inserted paragraph which becomes paragraph 8.4.

New **8.4** (previously part of 8.3). *“local and nationally listed”* has been replaced by *“listed and non-listed”*.

8.6 is a new paragraph which has been added and which reads:

"The Rossendale Local Plan 2019 - 2036 identifies some non-listed heritage assets in the Neighbourhood Area. These are Chatterton Hey (Heaton House), Mushroom House and the former Vicarage (paragraph 4 of the site-specific policy for housing allocation reference H66 Land west of Market Street) and Edenwood Mill (paragraph 1 of the site-specific policy for site H67)."

Policy HE1. Conservation and enhancement of heritage assets

Paragraph 1. *"designated"* has been replaced by *"listed"* and *"non-designated"* has been replaced by *"non-listed"*.

Policy HE2. Non-designated heritage assets

Paragraph 1. *"non-designated"* has been replaced by *"non-listed"*.

Paragraph 2. *"non-designated"* has been replaced by *"non-listed"*.

Policy HE3. Planning applications and heritage assets

Paragraph 1. Opening sentence. *"The applicant responsible for a planning application for or impacting a designated or non-designated heritage asset or its setting will be required in the application to:"* has been replaced by *"A planning application for or impacting a listed or non-listed heritage asset or its setting will be required to:"*

Paragraph 1c). *"non-designated"* has been replaced by *"non-listed"*.

Paragraph 1d). *"designated"* has been replaced by *"listed"*.

Policy HE4. Site H66 mitigation measures

This is a new policy which was previously policy NE6 in Section 13.

9) TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL

Policy T2. Mitigation measures and Transport Assessments

Paragraph 2 regarding roads to be included in a Transport Assessment. Bolton Road North has been added to the roads already listed which are Market Street, Burnley Road, Bury Road, Rochdale Road, and Blackburn Road.

A new paragraph 3 has been added which reads:

"Given the proximity of the Strategic Road Network, any development proposal within the Neighbourhood Area that would be expected to generate more than 30 two-way vehicle trips per day should include within the accompanying Transport Assessment an assessment of the impact of traffic generated at the M66 junctions 0 and 1 with the A56."

10) LOCAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES

10.1 The second sentence which read *"As such, policy 7 states that the loss of social infrastructure will be resisted."* has been deleted.

10.3 The second sentence which read *"It is recognised that housing need in the Neighbourhood Area in respect to tenure, mix and type will change over the lifetime of this Neighbourhood Plan"* has been deleted.

Figure 8. Edenfield Community Infrastructure Facilities.

Edenfield Church of England Primary School has been deleted from the marked Edenfield Community Facilities as it is not a Community Facility as defined in Policy LC1. The Figure has been amended to improve clarity and to differentiate between Open air facilities and Buildings available to the community.

Policy LC1. New, improved or extended community facilities

Paragraph 1. Opening sentence. *"Proposals for new, improved or extended community facilities will be supported subject to the following criteria:"* has been replaced by *"Proposals for new, improved or extended community facilities will be supported subject to Policy G11 and subject to the following criteria:"*

Paragraph 1g). This additional criteria has been added which reads: *"Any new or improved sports facility in the Neighbourhood Area shall be designed in accordance with the latest design guidance issued by Sport England:*

<https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/active-design>"

Paragraph 2. The paragraph previously read:

" 2.The loss of community facilities will only be permitted where there is no demand for continued community facilities at the proposed location and it can be satisfactorily shown the site has been marketed effectively for such use for at least one year."

The paragraph has been substantially reworded to read:

"2.a) All existing premises last used as a community facility will be protected for that use unless a clearly justified case can be made for development of the premises for other purposes.

(b) Any proposal for such development will be required to demonstrate:

i. that the premises have not been in active use for a sustained period (normally at least twelve months)

ii. through a rigorous marketing strategy to be agreed with the local planning authority and normally of twelve months' duration and a full valuation report, that there is a lack of demand for their use as a community facility; and

iii. that the proposal is appropriate for the premises, having regard to other policies of the development plan and planning guidance."

Paragraph 4 which read *" Change of use and development of the cricket club other than for uses which support recreation, sporting and amenity use will not be permitted"* has been deleted.

Policies LC2. Sports facilities and LC3. Required local infrastructure

Policy LC2 has been renamed LC3.

New Policy LC2 inserted reads:

"If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand for sport generated by new housing development in the Neighbourhood Area the developer will be expected 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 the development plan and priorities resulting from any assessment of need or set out in Rossendale Borough Council's Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy and Action Plan (current edition dated January 2021 and approved March 2022:

<https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/download/11571/playing-pitch-and-outdoor-sport-strategy-2022> ("The RBC Sports Strategy") "

Policy LC4. Policies for sports facilities

This is a new policy which reads:

"1. Notwithstanding policies LC1, LC2 and LC3, any development proposals concerning current or proposed sporting facilities in the Neighbourhood Area will be required to comply with:

i)The national policy for sport (as currently set out in NPPF, September 2023, especially paragraphs 98 and 99),

*ii)The Playing Fields Policy and Guidance promulgated by Sport England:
https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/planning-sport#playing_fields_policyand*

iii)The RBC Sport Strategy:

<https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/download/11571/playing-pitch-and-outdoor-sport-strategy-2022>"

11) LOCAL CENTRE AND COMMERCE

11.1. The second sentence which mentioned ten class E uses within Edenfield has been deleted and replaced with the following wording: *"The Neighbourhood Area provides employment opportunities for the local population, as well as an accessible place to shop for residents."*

11.2 has been renumbered **11.3**, paragraph **11.3** has been renumbered **11.4** and paragraph **11.4** has been renumbered **11.5**.

New 11.2 inserted which reads:

"Class E uses` are those listed in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987, as amended, under Use Class E – Commercial, Business and Service, which took effect from 1st September 2020. Planning permission is not required to change between any of the uses within Class E. Class E is, in summary, use for any of the following purposes:

E(a) Display or retail sale of goods, other than hot food (excluding small shops selling essential goods, including food, where there is no such facility within one kilometre).

E(b) sale of food and drink for consumption (mostly) on the premises.

E(c) Provision of: (i) financial services, (ii) professional services (other than health or medical services), or (iii) other services which it is appropriate to provide in a commercial, business or service locality.

E(d) Indoor sport, recreation or fitness (not involving motorised vehicles or firearms and excluding swimming pools and skating rinks).

E(e) Provision of medical or health services (except the use of premises attached to the residence of the consultant or practitioner).

E(f) Creche, day nursery, or day centre (not including residential use).

E(g) Uses which can be carried out in a residential area without detriment to its amenity:

- (i) offices to carry out any operational or administrative functions,*
- (ii) research and development of products or processes,*
- (iii) industrial processes.*

Class E uses benefit from permitted development rights that include:

- Changes to use Class C3 (dwelling houses) subject to prior approval*
- Changes to mixed use for anything within Class E and as up to two flats (and back again) subject to prior approval*
- Change to a state funded school or back to a previous lawful use. "*

Policy E1. Planning permissions – commercial, business and service establishments

The opening sentence previously read:

"Where planning permission is required for proposals for the provision of new E(a), E(b), E(c) uses or drinking establishments with or without food provision, or for the extension, conversion, redevelopment or change of use of existing E(a), E(b), E(c) uses or drinking establishments with or without food provision within the Local Centre or at locations in accordance with the other policies of the plan, these proposals will be supported, provided that they are in compliance with policies D1, D2 and T2 and avoid significant adverse effects in terms of:"

The sentence has been substantially reworded to read:

"Where planning permission is required for proposals for the provision of new E(a), E(b), E(c) uses or a drinking establishment with or without the provision of food within the Neighbourhood Parade or at other locations in the Neighbourhood Area these proposals will be supported, provided that they are in compliance with other policies of the development plan and in particular policies D1, D2 and T2 of the Neighbourhood Plan and avoid significant adverse effects in terms of:"

Policy E2. Loss of commercial, business and service establishments

The policy previously read:

" 1.Applications that would result in the loss of any E(a), E(b), E(c) uses or drinking establishments with or without food provision will be resisted unless market evidence is provided that:

a)the premises have not been in active use for a sustained period (at least 12 months); and

b)the premises have no potential for either reoccupation or redevelopment for employment-generating uses and as demonstrated through the results both of a full valuation report and a marketing campaign covering a reasonable period and the

minimum necessary to demonstrate wholly exceptional circumstances supporting other uses; and

c)Proposals for any alternative use are appropriate for the premises, having regard to other policies in the development plan and any relevant constraints”.

The policy has been substantially reworded to read:

“1.All existing premises last used for E(a), E(b), E(c) uses or as a drinking establishment with or without the provision of food will be protected for those uses unless a clearly justified case can be made for development of the premises for other purposes.

2.Any proposal for such development will be required to demonstrate:

a)that the premises have not been in active use for a sustained period (normally at least twelve months)

b)through a rigorous marketing strategy to be agreed with the local planning authority and normally of twelve months’ duration and a full valuation report, that there is a lack of demand for their use for E(a), E(b), E(c) uses or as a drinking establishment; and

c)that the proposal is appropriate for the premises, having regard to other policies of the development plan and planning guidance.

12) GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Policy GI1. Local Green Space designations

Paragraph 2 which previously read: *“Development will only be permitted in the Local Green Spaces where it is compatible with the aims and objectives of the designation”* has been replaced by: *“Development will only be permitted in the Local Green Spaces in very special circumstances where it is compatible with the aims and objectives of the designation.”*

Figure 9

The title has been changed to *“Designations Map for Local Green Spaces”*.

LGS5 (land adjacent to Horse and Jockey) has been deleted.

13) NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

13.7 is a new paragraph which reads: *“It is important that development should involve biodiversity net gain and the protection, and enhancement where possible, of watercourses and their ecological habitat value.”*

Policy NE3. Development and landscape and topography

Paragraph 2. *“..avoid any adverse impact..”* has been replaced by *“..mitigate any adverse impact..”*

New paragraph 3 added which reads:

“Proposals for development will be expected to provide for biodiversity net gain (BNG) where possible in accordance with national policy (NPPF, September 2023, paragraphs 174(d), 179(b) and 180(d) and the Natural Environment Planning Practice Guidance). Developments shall comply with the requirements of the Environment Act 2021, including

demonstrable minimum 10% BNG, when these come into force through the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.”

New paragraph 4 added which reads:

“Any trees or plants to be provided in a development as part of a landscaping scheme shall be of a species native to England and characteristic of the local area, in the interests of affording sources of suitable nectar and seed for bees and birds and of making a positive contribution to the local landscape.”

Policy NE5. Site H66 watercourse and ecology

The previous policy NE5 has been moved to Policy HO4 in Section 6.

New policy NE5 reads:

“Development of site H66 (land west of Market Street) as identified in the Rossendale Local Plan 2019-2036 will be supported provided that existing watercourses on or adjoining the site are protected and, if possible, enhanced and that the site layout does not encroach into riparian corridors and does not negatively impact upon flood risk, water quality or ecological habitat value.”

Policy NE6. Site H67 watercourse and ecology

The previous policy NE6 has been moved to Policy HE4 in Section 8.

New policy NE6 reads:

“Development Proposals for re-development of site H67 (Edenwood Mill) as identified in the Rossendale Local Plan 2019-2036 should, where possible, incorporate the removal of man-made structures from the river channel and the restoration of riverine habitats to reduce flood risk, improve water quality and enhance ecological habitat value.”

14) DELIVERY, MONITORING AND REVIEW

Policy DMR2

The policy previously read:

“This NDP has been developed to plan sustainable growth for a period of up to 15 years (2021 – 2036). A formal review process in consultation with the community and Local Planning Authority should be undertaken at a minimum of every 5 years, to ensure the Plan is still current and a remains a positive planning tool to deliver sustainable growth.”

The policy has been reworded to read:

“This Neighbourhood Plan has been developed to plan sustainable growth for a period of up to 15 years (2021 – 2036). A formal review process in consultation with the community and Local Planning Authority should be undertaken at least once every 5 years, to ensure the Plan is still current and a remains a positive planning tool to deliver sustainable growth.”

APPENDIX 1. PROPOSALS MAP

This was incorrectly titled “Proposals Map” which has been corrected to read “Policies Map”.

APPENDIX 2. FACTBOOK

2. Key Facts and Figures. Figure 2 has been amended to correct the urban boundaries which were changed in the Rossendale Local Plan 2019-2036.

APPENDIX 3. DESIGN CODE

Revision 004 of the Edenfield Design Code dated 1st June 2022 was included in the Regulation 14 consultation on the Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan. Revision 005 was completed in November 2023 after changes to take into account:

- A review by Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum (ECNF) of comments received during the Regulation 14 consultation in March/April 2023
- A review by AECOM to ensure that the Design Code (DC) is compliant with the Rossendale Local Plan 2021-2036 and takes account of any other regulatory changes.

Following are summaries of the material changes made in Revision 005 of the DC.

2.1 Policy documents

National Planning Policy (page 8). The summary of NPPF 2019 has been updated to take into account the latest NPPF policy dated September 2023.

Local Planning Policy (page 9). The summary of the Emerging Local Plan 2019-2034 has been updated to take into account the Adopted Local Plan 2019-2036.

Rossendale Green Belt (page 10). Figure 2.1 has been replaced with the Rossendale Policies Map for the area which shows the revised Green Belt boundary within the Neighbourhood Area.

2.2 Village structure and growth

Figure 2.2 has been amended to correct errors including to road names.

2.4 Heritage assets

Non-heritage assets identified in the Local Plan have now been included in Heritage Assets and Figure 2.4 amended accordingly.

4 Character Areas

A new Character Area (CA) has been added which is CA 5 – Former Rural Fringe. This incorporates the sites formerly in CA 4 (Rural Fringe) but allocated for development in the Rossendale Local Plan. It comprises:

- H66. Land west of Market Street
- H67. Edenwood Mill and land south of Wood Lane
- H65. Land east of Market Street

The changes to the DC resulting from this change are as follows:

- A summary of the five Character Areas is shown on page 26.
- Figure 4.2 on page 27 has been amended to take into account the change.
- Character Area 4 Rural Fringe. The first two images on page 41 were of views now in CA5 so have been replaced with views in CA4.

- The Features and Assets and Development Implications of CA5 are shown on the new pages 42/43.
- CA5 has been added to the table in Section 5.2 identifying when the codes should be used.

5.3 Heritage and Character Codes (HC)

Code HC3 – Complementary Styles.

The second bullet point previously read: *“Use of artificial and synthetic material should be avoided unless there is compelling reason to move away from traditional, local materials. These might include on sustainably focussed, energy efficient buildings which require different material application.”* This has been amended to read: *“The use of traditional, local materials is always preferred. However, modern construction materials such as reconstituted or cast stone may be an appropriate material provided that it results in an appearance that reflects and harmonises with the local stone material palette.”*

A third bullet point has been added which reads *“Other materials may also be appropriate. These might include on sustainably focussed, energy efficient buildings which require different material application.”*

5.4 Urban structure and built form codes (USB)

Code USB1 – Building Height. In the first bullet point *“two-storey developments with dormers or loft rooms”* has been added to *“three-storey development”* being only being permitted where local topography and views have been accounted for.

5.9 Boundary Treatments (BE)

Code BE1 – Boundary Treatments. A third bullet point has been added which reads: *“The planting of trees and hedgerows, consisting of native species characteristic of the Neighbourhood Area, along property boundaries is encouraged”.*

Code BE2 – Traditional Boundary Treatments. The Former Rural Fringe (CA5) has been added as a Character Area where this type of boundary treatment is encouraged.

5.10 Settlement Edge Code (SE)

Code SE1 Settlement Edges. The fourth bullet point has been deleted as a result of the additional Character Area CA5.

5.11 Movement Network (MST)

Code MN1 – Movement Network. The fifth bullet point has been amended to clarify users which now *“include cyclists and users of mobility scooters, prams and wheelchairs”.*

5.12 Street-scene and Parking Code (SSP)

Code SSP1 – Street- scene and Parking. The first bullet point now reads *“Parking solutions should have regard to impacts on traffic flow and should seek to avoid exacerbating congestion and pinch points **without reducing parking provision for existing residents and visitors**”.* The words in **blue** have been added.

Code SSP1. The second bullet relating to restricted or timed parking has been deleted.

Code P1 – On-street Parking. The third bullet point related to timed parking has been deleted.

APPENDIX 4. LOCAL GREEN SPACES

There are no amendments to Appendix 5

APPENDIX 5. LOCALLY IMPORTANT VIEWS

There are no amendments to Appendix 5

APPENDIX 6. CONSULTATION STATEMENT

1. Introduction

States that the consultation set out is now to 31st October 2023, previously 30th September 2022.

3. Community Engagement and Consultation

Post September 2022 consultation added:

- 21st March 2023, third ECNF Annual General Meeting
- 3rd March 2023 to 17th April 2023 Regulation 14 consultation

Appendices 13, 14,15 and 16 which relate to these events have been added.

4. Consultation with Rossendale Borough Council

Bullet point added which reads: *"Subsequent to July 2019 there were no formal meetings between ECNF and RBC to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. However, there was regular interchange of information and advice by e-mail and telephone".*

APPENDIX 7. GLOSSARY

"Class E uses" has been deleted.

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