

# **HAWORTH, CROSS ROADS & STANBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **Submission Draft Version**

### **Commencement of Examination Procedural Note**

**Haworth, Cross Roads & Stanbury Neighbourhood Plan  
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I am writing to confirm that I have commenced the examination of the Haworth, Cross Roads & Stanbury Neighbourhood Plan. All contact will be through a named representative of the Local Planning Authority. They will be responsible for forwarding all correspondence (except for contractual matters) to the representative of the Qualifying Body. All correspondence between myself, the Local Planning Authority and the Qualifying Body (except for contractual matters) should be placed on the Local Authority's website to ensure that the examination is conducted in an open and transparent manner.

I have not yet received copies of the representations. From my initial appraisal of the submitted documents I consider that it is unlikely that a hearing will be necessary, provided that I receive satisfactory answers to any questions and matters for clarification and no matters are raised in the representations that I consider would require discussion at a hearing.

In view of the current restrictions on travel due to Coronavirus I am not proposing to undertake a site visit. I will keep this under review should the current travel restrictions be lifted.

I have undertaken a detailed appraisal of the background documents to check that the legal requirements have been satisfied and that adequate consultation has taken place to meet the requirements of the Regulations. I shall be grateful for the response of the LPA and/or QB to the following:

1. Would the QB confirm that there are no other Neighbourhood Plans relating to the NP area.
2. Would you provide me with copies of the correspondence from the environmental bodies to the consultation on the SEA and HRA screening report of July 2018 and the HRA update report of May 2019.
3. Would the QB provide me with a paragraph to state how the plan and the plan making process have taken account of Human Rights legislation.
4. The Policies Map shows the Non Designated Heritage Assets and Community Facilities with coloured circles. Is there a background evidence report showing the boundaries of these properties that can be used by decision makers in determining whether a development proposal would affect one of these properties?
5. What is the mauve shaded area on the west of the plan area shown on the Magnification Section? It does not appear to be included in the key. Is it the South Pennine SPA/SAC?
6. The introduction to the Plan does not include any information about the strategic context of the Neighbourhood Plan. Would the QB and LPA agree a few sentences to be included in the NP to list the strategic plans and the timescales for the emerging Site Allocations Plan. Would you explain the strategic planning context for the Neighbourhood Plan eg the status of the villages in the settlement hierarchy and the level of growth anticipated in them to provide the context for the housing and employment policies in the NP. Would you explain how it is intended that the requirements set out in Policies H1 – H4 are to be taken forward.

7. What is the LPA's process for designating non-designated heritage assets? Is it intended that they should be designated through the NP or does the LPA have a separate procedure?

I shall undertake a detailed appraisal of the Plan and the policies to ensure that they satisfy the Basic Conditions, taking account of any representations. Following which I shall write to the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body to seek clarification on any matters or to request further information.

- I anticipate that I will present my Examination Questions and matters for clarification to the Local Planning Authority by 30 May, subject to receipt of representations. This will also seek agreement to any significant wording changes to policies.
- I will allow 14 days for a response by the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body. (15 June)
- Following receipt of responses to my questions and matters of clarification, I will prepare my draft Examination Report for fact checking.
- I will allow 7 days for a response by the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body.
- I anticipate that I will issue my final report to the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body by the end of June.

All dates are indicative at this stage and may be revised, if necessary, should significant issues or additional questions arise or extensions of time be requested by the Local Planning Authority and/or Qualifying Body.

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