

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2028

Consultation Statement

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1. Legal Requirements

This statement has been prepared by the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan Group on behalf of Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum to accompany its submission to Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council of the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan under section 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

The Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum, a qualifying body, for the whole of the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Area, as designated by Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council at the Rochdale Township Committee meeting on 9 March 2016.

The plan proposal relates to planning matters in the designated neighbourhood area and covers the period from 2018 to 2028. It does not contain policies relating to excluded development as laid out in the Regulations.

The following statement will address each of the four 'basic conditions' required of the Regulations and explains how the Neighbourhood Plan meets the requirement of paragraph 8 of schedule 4B to the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.

The Regulations state that the Neighbourhood Plan will have met the basic conditions if it:

- has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area ;
- is compatible with European Union (EU) and European Convention on Human Right (ECHR) obligations.

2. Introduction and Background

This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2) which defines a consultation statement as a document that:

- contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- explains how they were consulted;
- summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan."

This Statement can only show how the Forum has engaged and consulted local people, businesses, land and property owners and users of the area in the early stages of the plan. These early stages have sought to increase awareness of the plan preparation process, its purpose, identify the issues it seeks to address and the likely policy directions it will need to consider. Once consultation has been carried out on a draft version of the plan, this statement will be amended to include further details of draft consultation and the results of that consultation. The amended version will be submitted alongside the submission version of the Plan.

The Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared under the auspices of the 2011 Localism Act, which gave neighbourhood forums and other relevant bodies the ability to prepare statutory Neighbourhood Plans to help guide development in their local areas. These powers give local people the opportunity to shape new development, as planning applications are determined in accordance with

national planning policy and the local development plan and any other material planning considerations. Once finally 'made', the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan will form part of this planning policy framework.

This Statement provides details of the way in which the plan has been prepared, and the different consultation and engagement methods that have been used to ensure that not only local people – but also a wide range of statutory and other bodies – have had the opportunity to have their input into the Plan. This was intended to ensure that as broad a range of people as possible were able to have input into developing a consensus on the way forward for The Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Area.

This Consultation Statement clearly demonstrates that there has been extensive community engagement that has informed the content of the Plan so far.

From the outset, the Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Plan Group (the steering group for the plan) were keen to ensure that the Plan reflected the views of the local community as evidenced through feedback from questionnaires, surveys, and consultation events.

The preparation for publication of the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan has therefore included a considerable consultation effort throughout the process that was driven by the Neighbourhood Plan Group, acting on behalf of The Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Area Forum. From the beginning, it was identified that active and effective consultation would be critical in producing a Plan that should ultimately win the support of the residents of the Neighbourhood Area.

3. The Plan Preparation Process

The BBC had expressed an interest in having our forum support a documentary programme that included the history of our area. To maximise publicity for our forum, area and plan we took the opportunity to have our launch event at the same time the BBC were filming. This resulted in radio and TV publicity as detailed in the Summary Timeline of Consultation detailed below.

In June 2016 we sent out a covering letter and basic questionnaire to all residents and stakeholders in the area. We had a neighbourhood forum exhibition at our launch event and used this opportunity to ask people to complete our basic questionnaire. Our Detailed Community Questionnaire was derived from the responses we received and you will find a process report and analysis of results detailed in the Summary Timeline of Consultation detailed below. The outcomes identified in the analysis have been used in the creation of our neighbourhood plan.

Appendix D identifies interested organisations from a database used by Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council and records consultation responses received.

As well as written and email consultations, face-to-face meetings were arranged, and a number of public consultation events were staged. Press, local newsletters and notice boards, and social media, were all used to publicise the various stages of the process. The consultation arrangements for the Plan are all fully recorded in the Summary Timeline of Consultation detailed below.

Summary Timeline of Consultation – Key Stages

May 2015	<p>Proposal to create the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum is agreed by residents at the SPOTLAND AND FALINGE AREA FORUM on Thursday 21 May 2015 at 7.00 pm Spotland Methodist Church, Rooley Moor Road, Rochdale OL12 7ES. For meeting minutes see: http://democracy.rochdale.gov.uk/documents/g3538/Printed%20minutes%2021st-May-2015%2019.00%20Spotland%20and%20Falinge%20Area%20Forum.pdf?T=1</p>
June & July 2015	<p>Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum agreed with RMBC and residents. Web and social media sites created. For a map of the neighbourhood area see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/rooley-moor-neighbourhood-area.jpg</p>
August 2015	<p>Application to RMBC for designation of area and forum.</p>
September 2015	<p>Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum inaugural AGM – For meeting minutes see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20150917-RMNF-AGM-Minutes.pdf</p>
October 2015	<p>Consultation opens for designation of a neighbourhood forum and neighbourhood area. See: https://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/strategic-planning/rooley_moor_neighbourhood_area_october_2015/ Heritage report published http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Rooley-Moor-HA-JWC-compressed-images-23.10.15.pdf</p>
November 2015	<p>Consultation for designation of a neighbourhood forum and neighbourhood area closed.</p>
February 2016	<p>Forums charitable status confirmed Tuesday 16 February 2016. Update provided at SPOTLAND AND FALINGE AREA FORUM on Thursday 25 February 2016 – http://democracy.rochdale.gov.uk/documents/g3541/Public%20minutes%2025th-Feb-2016%2019.00%20Spotland%20and%20Falinge%20Area%20Forum.pdf?T=11</p>
March 2016	<p>Area and Forum formally designated by the Local Authority at the Rochdale Township Committee 9 March 2016. Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum meeting. For meeting minutes see: http://democracy.rochdale.gov.uk/documents/g3611/Printed%20minutes%2009th-Mar-2016%2018.15%20Rochdale%20Township%20Committee.pdf?T=1 Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum meeting. For meeting minutes see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20160317-RMNF-Minutes.pdf</p>
April 2016	<p>Trustees Meeting – For meeting minutes see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20160414-RMNF-Trustees-Meeting-Minutes.pdf Bank account opened. Email update to all forum members.</p>
May to July 2016	<p>Planning Launch Event.</p>

June 2016	Letter and questionnaire to residents and organisations – See Appendix A & B for example letters. For letter attachments – area map see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/rooley-moor-neighbourhood-area.jpg & questionnaire see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/RMNF-Questionnaire.pdf
August 2016	Interview on radio Manchester: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/bbc-radio-manchester/ Launch event including public consultation exhibition and basic questionnaire. See: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/RMNF-Questionnaire.pdf and http://www.rmnf.org.uk/rooley-moor-neighbourhood-launch-event-and-cotton-famine-road-plaque-unveiling/
October 2016	Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum AGM including a presentation from PPS Planning – For meeting minutes see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/20161006-RMNF-AGM-Minutes.pdf
November 2016	Our area and forum members appears on the local BBC news: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/COTTONFAMINE_GILL_1830_23_11_103_2169459.mp4
December 2016	Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum Meeting –For meeting minutes see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/20161207-RMNF-Meeting-Minutes.pdf End of year email from the Chair – See: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/rmnf-2016-a-view-from-the-chair/
January 2017	Neighbourhood Plan Group Meeting. For meeting detail see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20170111-RMNF-Policy-for-Neighbourhood-Plan-Agenda.pdf Email update to all forum members – See Appendix C
February 2017	Neighbourhood Forum Update: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/rmnf-neighbourhood-plan/ Neighbourhood Plan Group Meeting with RMBC – For meeting minutes see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20170223-Rooley-Moor-Neighbourhood-Plan-Group-Meeting-Minutes.pdf
March 2017	Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan & Events Group meeting – For meeting minutes see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20170309-Rooley-Moor-Neighbourhood-Plan-Events-Group-Meeting-Minutes.pdf
April 2017	Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum Events Planning Meeting – For meeting minutes see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20170426-RMNF-Meeting-Minutes.pdf

<p>May 2017</p>	<p>RMNF - Neighbourhood Plan Group Meeting – For meeting minutes see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20170508-RMNF-Plan-Group-Meeting-Minutes.pdf</p> <p>A paper copy of our community questionnaire is delivered to all households in our Neighbourhood Area. Survey Monkey is used to place the questionnaire online – For example questionnaire and details of stakeholder consultation see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/RMNF-Neighbourhood-Plan-Policy-Leaflet-Questionnaire-Final-Update.pdf</p> <p>Tuesday 30th May 2017 Presentation to Rochdale Rotary Club – Success to the Plough, Bolton Road Marland, OL11 3LW</p>
<p>July 2017</p>	<p>Community questionnaire analysis: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/RMNF-Neighbourhood-Plan-Questionnaire-Analysis.xlsx</p> <p>And</p> <p>http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Questionnaire-analysis-11-09-final.pdf</p>
<p>August 2017</p>	<p>Public exhibition and community consultation engagement event held in Catley Lane Head. For exhibition content see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/RMNF-Community-Questionnaire-Summary-draft.pdf</p>
<p>September 2017</p>	<p>Community Consultation Update: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/community-consultation-update/</p>
<p>November 2017</p>	<p>RMNF AGM http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20171102-RMNF-AGM-Minutes.pdf</p> <p>Meeting with PPS Planning: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20171117-Neighbourhood-Plan-Meeting-with-Paul-Simpson.pdf</p>
<p>January 2018</p>	<p>Presentation to Rochdale 41 Club and Tangent Club – Rochdale Golf Club, Monday 30th January 2018</p>
<p>January/February 2018</p>	<p>Informal consultation with RMBC and statutory consultees followed by amendments</p>

<p>March 2018</p>	<p>Monday 26th March 2018 start of six-week pre-submission consultation for draft neighbourhood plan. Letter posted to residents supported by email to residents, stakeholders and statutory consultees: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Resident-Stakeholder-Consultee-Communication.pdf</p> <p>Draft Plan: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/20180315-Rooley-Moor-Neighbourhood-Development-Plan-Community-Consultation.pdf</p> <p>Online comments form: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/survey/rmnf-neighbourhood-plan-consultation-feedback-2-2/</p> <p>Hard copy comments form to print: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Rooley-Moor-Neighbourhood-Plan-Comments-Form-V5.pdf</p> <p>Consultation Statement: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/04-RMNF-Consultation-Statement-V6.pdf</p> <p>Community Questionnaire Analysis (Consultation so far): http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Questionnaire-analysis-11-09-final.pdf</p>
<p>April 2018</p>	<p>Thursday 12th April 2018 – Trustees meeting to keep trustees informed of neighbourhood plan progress and discuss other matters: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/20180412-Trustees-Meeting-Minutes.pdf</p> <p>Monday 16th April 2018 – Meeting with Mid Pennine Arts to make them aware of our neighbourhood plan and discuss other matters.</p> <p>Saturday 21st April 2018 – Community consultation event from 10am to 2pm at Spotland Methodist Church – 14 people (including 3 members of the neighbourhood plan group) sign in to the event.</p> <p>Tuesday 24th April 2018 - Presentation to Heywood Rotary Club, Pack Horse Inn, Birtle.</p> <p>Friday 27th April 2018 – Meeting with Michael Brooke (RMBC)</p>
<p>May 2018</p>	<p>Friday 4th May 2018 - Consultation closed</p>
<p>June 2018</p>	<p>Thursday 7th June 2018 – Meeting with Co-operative Heritage Trust – Rochdale Pioneers Museum: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/20180607-Co-operative-Heritage-Trust-Meeting-Notes-Draft-V1.pdf</p> <p>Thursday 7th June 2018 - Trustees meeting: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/20180607-Trustees-Meeting-Minutes-Final.pdf</p> <p>Monday 18th June 2018 – Community Brief: https://www.rmnf.org.uk/rmnf-neighbourhood-plan-community-brief/</p>

4. Plan Preparation & Consultation Summary

The preparation of this Draft Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan and its consultation has included the following:

- A review of other plans and relevant documents
- Survey work and questionnaires
- Interviews with key consultees
- Publication and circulation of questionnaires
- Regular local consultation events/exhibitions to publicise the progress of the Plan and seek local opinions
- Frequent newsletters via email, and publicity on social media and local press
- Regular meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- Regular meetings and engagement with Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council planners; notably their Neighbourhood Plan Officer
- Liaison and engagement with Rochdale Borough Council Officers
- Targetted consultation with interest groups to obtain information and explore issues (specifically landowners, equestrian groups and farming/business interests)

Initial Publicity

In May 2016, the forum organised a Planning Launch Event. In June 2016 a letter and questionnaire was sent to residents and relevant organisations (See Appendix A & B for example letters) to notify them that a Neighbourhood Plan was to be prepared and that initial views were invited. Residents and users of the area were asked:

1. What do you like about the Rooley Moor area?
2. What don't you like?
3. What do you want to change?
4. What are the five main issues in the area that the Plan needs to tackle?
5. What are the 5 key opportunities in the area that the Plan can take to improve the area and promote heritage and landscape protection and sustainable recreation and tourism activities?

The letter also asked for volunteers to assist the Forum in the Plan's preparation.

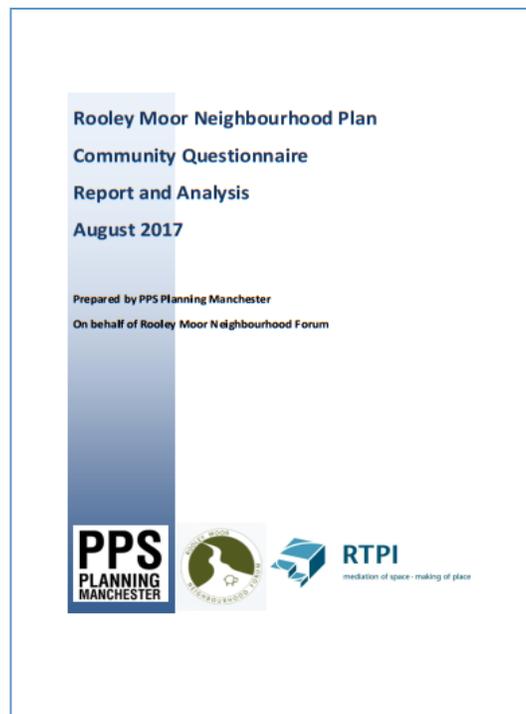
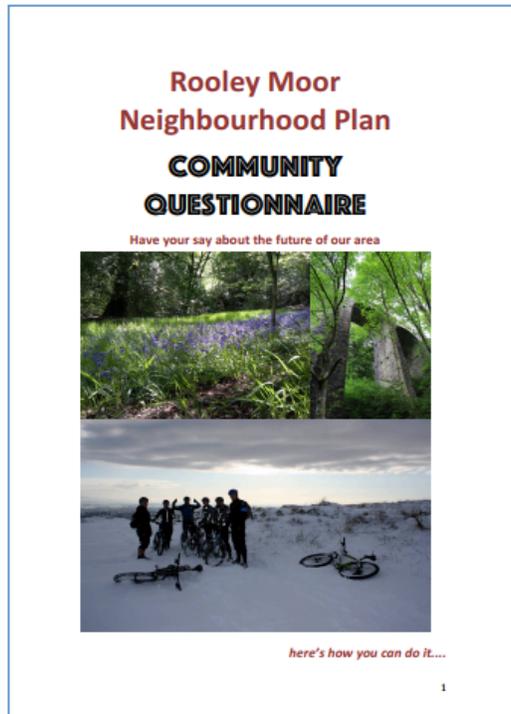
Organisations were asked about:

1. The organisation's interests are in relation to the area and what, areas of policy making would be relevant to them.
2. What issues and opportunities should be tackled.

The Forum's web site was also used to provide news and to publicise the process.

In May 2017, a more detailed consultation exercise was carried out and this included a large Community Questionnaire with questions covering 19 different topics. A separate report, '[Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan Community Questionnaire, Report and Analysis August 2017](#)' (see below) has been published and this explains how the Questionnaire was conceived and distributed, what the responses were and the implications of those responses for the considering what policy approaches were needed.

Statutory and other organisations were consulted and were invited to comment on the Questionnaire also.



Feedback for residents etc. on the results of the analysis was published in the form of a powerpoint presentation posted on the Forum website.

The Questionnaire was helpful in exploring what policy approaches would be supported. The individual comments and suggestions that were received were useful in understanding the responses made. The Forum decided not to explore 'Options' (alternative policy approaches) through a further consultation as is often the case when consulting on plan preparation. This was not considered appropriate or necessary since the policy directions favoured in the consultation responses were fairly clear. Also, consultation did not need to debate the benefits or otherwise of different levels of growth and development given the area's green belt status and the Plan's emphasis on promoting sustainable recreation and managing conservation and enhancement.

However, the Forum decided that before some views and issues (arising from the Questionnaire responses) could be addressed and policies formulated, it would be necessary to approach key groups to explore the issues, obtain more information and discuss options for tackling issues. Groups included the following:

- local farmers and farm based businesses - to discuss policies on farm diversification, promoting recreation and visitors, and conservation.
- Equestrian groups - to advise on demand for and practical potential for equestrian facilities)
- The major landowner (Lord of the Manor) to discuss the implications of landscape conservation, rural diversification and recreational improvements on land access and management.

Pre-Submission Consultation and Publicity

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Pre-submission Draft for Consultation



Prepared by Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum

2018

Monday 26th March a Pre-submission (draft) version of the Plan went out for consultation. The neighbourhood planning Regulations (Regulation 14) require the plan to be the subject of a six-week consultation before it is submitted to the local authority for independent examination. This requirement includes the following:

- Publicise the plan in a manner which brings it to the attention of the people who live, work or run businesses in the neighbourhood area - this should include details of:
 - the proposed neighbourhood plan
 - where and when it may be viewed
 - how to make comments on the plan and the date by which comments must be received (at least six weeks from the date on which it was first publicised).
- Consult statutory consultation bodies whose interests may be affected by the plan as advised by the local Council, together with significant landowners, local businesses, local community organisations and interest groups.
- Send a copy of the proposed plan to the local authority.

Arrangements for publicity and consultation include:

- publicity in the local press and media;
- publicity on the Forum website and the Rochdale Council's web site;
- a locally circulated leaflet to inform people that a draft plan has been prepared, where it can be viewed and how to make comments on it;
- making printed copies of the plan available at the local library and Council offices at library in No.1 Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale OL16 1XU and Spotland Library, Ings Lane, Rochdale OL12 7AL
- making the plan available electronically and on-line via links from the Forum's and Council's web sites; and
- making copies available to those who can't access digital or displayed copies.

In addition, information is available about the content of the plan, particularly the Plan objectives and the focus of the policies in the plan. This is to assist those people who will not want to read through the whole of the document but want to understand the intentions of the plan and the range of policies included. To do this a summary can be obtained as a printed or downloadable document from the Forum web site.

(This Consultation Statement will be updated at Submission stage to document to describe in detail the process of engagement and consultation at this draft / pre-submission stage).

Submission of the Plan to the local planning authority

Once consultation on the pre-submission plan has been carried out, the Forum will need to decide whether to change the Plan to take account of comments received. There will then be a further period of consultation and an independent 'Examination' of the Plan. Any recommendations made by the Examiner will be considered and the Plan amended accordingly, before being considered by the local community by way of a Local Referendum. If supported by over 50 % of those who vote, the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan will be 'Made' and so adopted by Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council, as planning policy for the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Area.

For further information on this document please contact: Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum CIO, Owd House, Fern Hill Lane, Rochdale OL12 6BW Phone: 01706 354161 email: info@rmnf.org.uk

Appendix A – Example letter to organisation

Dear Sir / Madam,

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum CIO (RMNF) is a registered charity and I am writing to inform you that RMNF, with the co-operation of Rochdale Borough Council, is starting a process to prepare a Local Neighbourhood Plan for the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Area (please see map below). Neighbourhood Planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011. This means we can work together to shape development in our area through the production of Neighbourhood Plan that is likely to focus on heritage and recreation. Our designated area is North of Rochdale town centre and includes part of Healey Dell Nature Reserve and areas of special architectural or historic interest including a section of the Cotton Famine Road, Catley Lane Head, Fern Hill, Shawfield, Prickshaw and Broadley Fold.

What is it all about?

We are at the initial stage of consulting with residents, land & property owners, businesses and other organisations, including statutory consultees and key organisations within and adjoining our Neighbourhood Area, on how our area should be planned over the next 10 to 15 years.

When completed, our Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for Rochdale Borough Council and will be used to promote conservation and guide development and land-use decisions (including planning applications) in our area.

You are probably aware it is a government requirement for the community to be involved in the Neighbourhood Planning process. We would be grateful for your input at this initial stage and are happy to meet with you if you think that would be helpful. We would like to know what your organisation's interests are in relation to our area and what, if any, area of policy making would be relevant to you. We require this information so we can ensure you are notified at key statutory consultation stages as work on our plan progresses. We would also like to know if you have any views on what you think our plan should be seeking to achieve.

What we need you to do:

It would help us if you would include RMNF on your list of consultees and keep us informed of any plans you may have in our area, and please let us know if your contact details have changed so we can keep our contact details up to date.

We look forward to your co-operation and interest and value your ideas and opinions. We are also keen to get your views on what issues and opportunities, that should be tackled, exist in our area. To help us identify what is important to our community, and so we can start to develop our plan, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the questionnaire below. Details of how to return it are included on the form. We expect to provide feedback on the results of this initial consultation towards the end of October 2016.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Rawsterne RMNF Secretary On behalf of the Trustees, Officers and Members of RMNF

Appendix B – Example letter to residents

Dear Resident,

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum Launch Event:

We would like to invite you to the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum (RMNF) launch event that will take place in Catley Lane Head between 11am and 5pm on Sunday 14th August 2016.

RMNF is a registered charity and the launch event is an opportunity to have some fun and tell you a little more about our forum's objectives. Please keep an eye on our website <http://www.rmnf.org.uk/> or watch local press for more information.

What is it all about?

RMNF, with the co-operation of Rochdale Borough Council, is starting a process to prepare a Local Neighbourhood Plan for the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Area (please see map overleaf). Neighbourhood Planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011. This means we can work together to shape development in our area through the production of a Neighbourhood Plan that is likely to focus on heritage and recreation. Our designated area is North of Rochdale town centre and includes part of Healey Dell Nature Reserve and areas of special architectural or historic interest including a section of the Cotton Famine Road, Catley Lane Head, Fern Hill, Shawfield, Prickshaw and Broadley Fold.

We are at the initial stage of consulting with residents, land & property owners, businesses and other organisations, including statutory consultees and key organisations within and adjoining our Neighbourhood Area, on how our area should be planned over the next 10 to 15 years.

When completed, our Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for Rochdale Borough Council and will be used to promote conservation and guide development and land-use decisions (including planning applications) in our area.

It is a government requirement for the community to be involved in the Neighbourhood Planning process and RMNF is keen to get your views on what issues and opportunities exist in our area that should be tackled.

What we would like you to do

We are keen to get your views on what issues and opportunities, that should be tackled, exist in our area. To help us identify what is important to our community, and so we can start to develop our plan, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the questionnaire below by 14th August 2016. Details of how to return it are included on the form. We expect to provide feedback on the results of this initial consultation towards the end of October 2016.

We would also love to hear from you if you are not already a member and wish to join our Forum or get actively involved if you feel you have skills, local knowledge, time and enthusiasm to help with the plan preparation process.

Best Regards,

Alan Rawsterne RMNF Secretary On behalf of the Trustees, Officers and Members of RMNF

Appendix C - January 2017 - RMNF Email Update

Hi Everyone,

We've started the year with a number of things going on, so I thought it would be a good idea to issue an update.

Wind Farm Decommissioning Bond

Some members of our Forum have approached the Open Spaces Society (OSS) to raise the issue of a decommissioning bond for the Scout Moor Wind Farm Expansion Ltd (SMWFEL) application. If the Secretary of State (SoS) is minded to approve this application, then the basic idea of a bond is to ensure there is sufficient money available at the end the wind farms life, to ensure the site can be returned to its 'pre' wind farm condition. Currently there is no requirement for onshore wind farm developers to put a bond in place and the OSS are being asked to petition the SoS to put a condition in place requiring a bond that tracks inflation and can not disappear when the wind farm becomes redundant. This issue is bigger than just SMWFEL and perhaps a decommissioning bond should be a requirement for all future developments of this type.

If a decommissioning bond is something you agree with, you can help to make a difference by raising this issue with your MP and local Councillors. For SMWFEL the Inspector must make his recommendations to the SoS by the end of February 2017, so time is of the essence for you to make contact with your local and government representatives.

RMNF Neighbourhood Plan

Our thanks to Cecile, John, Roy and Alan who have formed our Neighbourhood Plan Group. They have started to work on a proposal and will share information with you as soon as they are able.

You are welcome to attend the next meeting at 10:30 am Wednesday 15th February 2017, just email Alan (info@RMNF.org.uk) and he will let you have the details. We appreciate not everyone who wants to be involved will be able to make a morning meeting, but we will endeavour to accommodate everyone who wants to be involved – your views are VERY important to this process.

A progress review meeting with the Council is planed for Thursday 23rd February 2017 and we will let you know the outcome shortly after.

Defibrillator

After much debate RMNF Trustees decided not to adopt the phone box in Catley Lane Head.

Our forum would have had to take on the costs and responsibility for insurance, maintenance and repair (which would have to be in accordance to industry guidelines), and we would NOT have got title to the land beneath the phone box.

We would also have required volunteers to look after the cleanliness of the phone box and to undertake the governance requirements for any installed equipment (the defibrillator).

The main reason the phone box was identified to house a defibrillator, was the provision of an unmetered power supply, required to keep the defibrillator charged and warm. The contract to

adopt the phone box did not guarantee a supply of electricity in perpetuity and in the event of the supply being withdrawn or a breakdown, a separate power supply would need to have been arranged. This could take up to £1800 to effect and would have bankrupted our forum.

Vandalism was another issue we considered. The cabinet for the proposed defibrillator was not lockable and the cost of any damage, decommissioning of the phone box, disconnecting the power supply, etc. would have had to be covered by the forum.

There is, however, still an opportunity to apply for a defibrillator if someone is willing to provide a location (outside wall of a house) and a free supply of electricity. Please let me know if you are willing to do this, so I can put you in touch with the appropriate people.

RMNF Events

We are going to put a team together to plan another event in August. Please email Alan Rawsterne (info@RMNF.org.uk) if you'd like to be involved and he will arrange a date time and place for a meeting.

I think that's about everything for now, please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Andy Meek

RMNF Chair

Appendix D - Stakeholder & Regulation 14 Consultation List of Organisations Consulted & Responses Data

No response date = no response

Organisation:	Date sent (or meeting held):	Response Date:	Notes:
Amec	Basic questionnaire June 2016 & Detailed questionnaire May 2017		
Bolton Council	- Ditto -		
British Gas	- Ditto -		
BT Group plc	- Ditto -		
Bury Council	- Ditto -		
Calderdale Council	- Ditto -		
Civil Aviation Authority	- Ditto -		
Electricity North West Ltd	- Ditto -		
Environment Agency	- Ditto -	10/08/2016 & 04/08/2017	See Appendix E See Appendix F
GMPCC	- Ditto -	23/06/2016	Good Morning Thank you for your email, which I have passed to the Commissioners PA who will be in contact with you shortly. Kind Regards, Janette Cross (Note: no further response received. PCC no longer exists)
Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership	- Ditto -		

<p>Greater Manchester Local Nature Partnership</p>	<p>- Ditto -</p>	<p>22/06/2016</p>	<p>Dear Mr Rawsterne Thank your for your invitation, which our CEO, Anne Selby, has forwarded to me for initial response. I'm reattaching your letter for the benefit of colleagues copied into this reply. With 25 local government districts to cover, along with the adjacent Irish Sea, it can be difficult for us to take up every invitation that we receive. However, I understand that we have had some specific involvement in the Rooley Moor neighbourhood of Rochdale Borough, and the adjacent are in administrative Lancashire's Rossendale Borough, through engagement with the Scout Moor wind turbine array development? I'm copying in colleagues who were more directly involved, and I'll also check with a trustee and active volunteers who live in the area in case they would wish to take up your invitation. In respect of 'Neighbourhood Planning and Wildlife', we are currently without specific guidance for planners, members and the public on our own website. However, the following link to a page on Sussex Wildlife Trust's website holds good in general terms; except, of course, that reference to the Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre should be replaced by reference to the Greater Manchester Local Record Centre, hosted by the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit. I'm hopeful that we will have similar, but bespoke content to refer to on our own website, but revisions and updates to that are awaiting a related complete revamp of The Wildlife Trusts' national IT set-up this autumn. I'll let you know of any feedback from colleagues and local volunteers.</p> <p>Kind regards Dave David Dunlop Policy & Advocacy Tel: 01772-317 238 (voicemail)</p> <p>Mob: NONE E-mail: ddunlop@lancswt.org.uk</p> <p>twitter: @LaWT @LivingSeasNW</p>
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Greater Manchester Planning and Housing Team	- Ditto -		
Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Clinical Commissioning Group	- Ditto -		
Highways England	- Ditto -		
Historic England	- Ditto -		
Homes and Communities Agency	- Ditto -		
Lancashire County Council	- Ditto -		
Manchester City Council	- Ditto -		
Mobile Operators Association	- Ditto -		Organisation no longer exists - see contacts below
Enquiries from Local Planning Authorities CTIL (on behalf of Vodafone and Telefónica)	- Ditto -		
MBNL (EE and Three):	- Ditto -		
EE	- Ditto -		
Three:	- Ditto -		
Mono Consultants Ltd	- Ditto -		
National Grid	- Ditto -		
Natural England	- Ditto -	1/7/2016	See Appendix G for response letter
Network Rail	- Ditto -		
NHS England, Lancashire Area	- Ditto -		
Office of Rail and Road	- Ditto -		
Oldham Council	- Ditto -		
Rochdale Borough Council	- Ditto -		
Rossendale Borough Council	- Ditto -		
Salford City Council	- Ditto -		
Stockport Council	- Ditto -		
TalkTalk	- Ditto -		

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	- Ditto -		
The Coal Authority	- Ditto -		
Trafford Council	- Ditto -		
Transport for Greater Manchester	- Ditto -		
United Utilities Water PLC	- Ditto -		
Virgin Media	- Ditto -		
Wigan Council	- Ditto -		
Lord of the Manor - Crossley Estates	- Ditto -	24/11/2017 10/01/2018 29/01/2018 09/02/2018 23/02/2018	For meeting minutes see: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20171124-Minutes-of-RMNF-Meeting-with-LotM-Agent-Andrew-Crossley.pdf Requests for meetings – sent policy document as per minutes above Response 22/02/2018 asking for dates Responded with dates – await response
Peel Energy	- Ditto -		
Hutton Energy	- Ditto -		
CORONATION (OIL & GAS) LIMITED	- Ditto -		
Fern Hill Bed & Breakfast	- Ditto -		
Fern Hill Farm Livery Stables	- Ditto -		
Fernhill Construction Rochdale	- Ditto -		
Pennine Prospect	- Ditto -		
Friends of Healey Dell	- Ditto -		
Hill Farm	- Ditto -		
Whitworth Valley Angling Society	- Ditto -		

Appendix E – Response from Environment Agency

Response received by email 10 August 2016

Company: Environment Agency

Questionnaire

What do you like about the Rooley Moor area?

This is a large area of semi-natural greenspace that feeds part of the River Spodden and Naden Brook catchments and that provides great scope for enhancing green infrastructure functioning, and ecosystem services the area currently provides, providing greater environmental links, and potentially expanding Healey Dell Local Nature Reserve on east of Rooley Moor site.

What do you want to change?

The Environment Agency would welcome as part of new Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan that there be an initial ecosystem services assessment (https://www.the-ies.org/sites/default/files/reports/ecosystem_services.pdf) of this large site to help shape and guide future development in area in a sustainable manner.

Main Issues Bearing in mind the above, what are the five main issues in the area that the Plan needs to tackle?

The Rooley Moor area sits on the edge of two River Roch catchment waterbodies that are currently failing their statutory ecological objectives as outlined in North West River Basin Management Plan (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/500468/North_West_RBD_Part_1_river_basin_management_plan.pdf), and the ability for new neighbourhood plan provides one of the avenues to positively shape future development, and ensure the positive integration of all aquatic/ semi-natural assets within Rooley Moor area, to the benefit of both people and wildlife within and beyond the Rooley Moor area.

Key Opportunities Name 5 key opportunities in the area that the Plan can take to improve the area and promote heritage and landscape protection and sustainable recreation and tourism activities.

With Healey Dell Local Nature Reserve and River Spodden Valley on the east, and Greenbooth reservoir, Knowl Moor and Naden Brook watercourse to west, a sustainable and well designed strategic plan provides an opportunity to enhance the ecological connectivity and resilience of existing greenspace within Rooley Moor area with neighbouring wildlife and recreational resources, as advocated in Government Biodiversity Strategy (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69446/pb13583-biodiversity-strategy-2020-111111.pdf).

Also with elements of Healey Dell nature reserve and River Spodden and associated tributaries feeding from Rooley Moor site, the potential expansion or enhancement of semi-natural habitats and wildlife corridors offer great opportunity to improve the ecological quality of existing conservation area, plus in combination provide multiple environmental benefits such as improved flood risk, water quality and recreational value.

We would welcome as part of neighbourhood plan that this promote the positive integration of all waterbodies that emanate from Rooley Moor area, avoiding any potential risk of deterioration of River Spodden and Naden Brook WFD waterbodies, and take opportunity to better integrate and enhance these green infrastructure assets as part of future development i.e., preservation or creation of interconnected wildlife corridors or new creation of new priority habitat (<http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-5706>), restoration of culverted tributaries, and use of above ground Sustainable Urban Drainage (https://www.rspb.org.uk/Images/SuDS_report_final_tcm9-338064.pdf) solutions etc.

Any changes in land use practices that would slow the rate of rainfall run-off would be welcomed as this could provide a contribution to reducing flood risk in communities downstream.

We trust you find these comments useful.

Regards

Sylvia Whittingham
Planning Officer

Appendix F – Response from Environment Agency

Response received by email 04 August 2017

Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council Planning Policy PO Box 32 Rochdale Lancashire OL16 1JH	Our ref: SO/2009/106223/AP-05/IS1-L01 Your ref: Date: 04 August 2017
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Dear Sir/Madam

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for referring the above Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan to the Environment Agency. We would wish to make the following comments.

The boundary defined by the area map on your website does not contain any designated “main river” watercourses. However, the River Spodden, which is a designated “main river” does form the eastern boundary of the area. “Main rivers” are those that the Environment Agency has flood risk jurisdiction and powers to undertake maintenance or improvements works on.

The Government has recently made some funding available for natural flood risk management or “slowing the flow” projects. We are in the process of identifying possible locations where communities at risk may benefit from natural flood management works. One of many possible sites is the eastern part of Norden to the southern boundary of RMNA. Further investigations will determine whether this area would be suitable for and benefit from NFM. Further information on NFM can be found at:-
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schemes-across-the-country-to-receive-15-million-of-natural-flood-management-funding>

I trust you find this information useful.

Please keep me updated on the plan progress.

Yours faithfully

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Appendix G - Response from Natural England

Date: 01 July 2016
 Our ref: 189079
 Your ref: Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum



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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Rawsterne

Invitation to the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum Launch Event

Thank you for your invitation to attend the above meeting in connection with your proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan. Unfortunately Natural England will be unable to send a representative as our resources are limited and it is not possible to accept all such invitations.

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information sources you may wish to use in developing your plan or order, and to highlight some of the potential environmental risks and opportunities that neighbourhood plans or orders may present. We have set this out in the annex to this letter.

Natural England's role

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Your local planning authority should be able to advise you on if and when we should be consulted further on your neighbourhood plan or order.

Planning policy for the natural environment

Neighbourhood plans and orders present significant opportunities, but also potential risks, for the natural environment. Your proposals should be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. The key principles are set out in paragraph 109:

The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:

- protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils;
- recognising the wider benefits of ecosystem services;
- minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible, contributing to the Government's commitment to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures;

You should also consider the natural environment policies in your area's Local Plan. Your neighbourhood plan or order should be consistent with these, and you may decide that your plan should provide more detail as to how some of these policies apply or are interpreted locally.

The attached annex sets out sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues you may wish to consider as you develop your neighbourhood plan or order.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

Jacqui Salt
Consultations Team

Annex 1 - Neighbourhood planning and the natural environment: information, issues and opportunities

Natural environment information sources

The [Magic](#)¹ website will provide you with much of the nationally held natural environment data for your plan area. The most relevant layers for you to consider are: **Agricultural Land Classification, Ancient Woodland, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Local Nature Reserves, National Parks (England), National Trails, Priority Habitat Inventory, public rights of way (on the Ordnance Survey base map) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (including their impact risk zones)**. Local environmental record centres may hold a range of additional information on the natural environment. A list of local record centres is available [here](#)².

Priority habitats are those habitats of particular importance for nature conservation, and the list of them can be found [here](#)³. Most of these will be mapped either as **Sites of Special Scientific Interest**, on the Magic website or as **Local Wildlife Sites**. Your local planning authority should be able to supply you with the locations of Local Wildlife Sites.

National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each character area is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. NCA profiles contain descriptions of the area and statements of environmental opportunity, which may be useful to inform proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found [here](#)⁴.

There may also be a local **landscape character assessment** covering your area. This is a tool to help understand the character and local distinctiveness of the landscape and identify the features that give it a sense of place. It can help to inform, plan and manage change in the area. Your local planning authority should be able to help you access these if you can't find them online.

If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a **National Park** or **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** (AONB), the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area will set out useful information about the protected landscape. You can access the plans on from the relevant National Park Authority or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty website.

General mapped information on **soil types** and **Agricultural Land Classification** is available (under 'landscape') on the [Magic](#)⁵ website and also from the [LandIS website](#)⁶, which contains more information about obtaining soil data.

Natural environment issues to consider

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#)⁷ sets out national planning policy on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. [Planning Practice Guidance](#)⁸ sets out supporting guidance.

Your local planning authority should be able to provide you with further advice on the potential impacts of your plan or order on the natural environment and the need for any environmental assessments.

Landscape

¹ <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

² <http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php>

³ <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-character-area-profiles-data-for-local-decision-making>

⁵ <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

⁶ <http://www.landis.org.uk/index.cfm>

⁷ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

⁸ <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/natural-environment/>

Your plans or orders may present opportunities to protect and enhance locally valued landscapes. You may want to consider identifying distinctive local landscape features or characteristics such as ponds, woodland or dry stone walls and think about how any new development proposals can respect and enhance local landscape character and distinctiveness.

If you are proposing development within or close to a protected landscape (National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) or other sensitive location, we recommend that you carry out a landscape assessment of the proposal. Landscape assessments can help you to choose the most appropriate sites for development and help to avoid or minimise impacts of development on the landscape through careful siting, design and landscaping.

Wildlife habitats

Some proposals can have adverse impacts on designated wildlife sites or other priority habitats (listed [here](#)⁹), such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest or [Ancient woodland](#)¹⁰. If there are likely to be any adverse impacts you'll need to think about how such impacts can be avoided, mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated for.

Priority and protected species

You'll also want to consider whether any proposals might affect priority species (listed [here](#)¹¹) or protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced advice [here](#)¹² to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected species.

Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services for society. It is a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, a store for carbon and water, a reservoir of biodiversity and a buffer against pollution. If you are proposing development, you should seek to use areas of poorer quality agricultural land in preference to that of a higher quality in line with National Planning Policy Framework para 112. For more information, see our publication [Agricultural Land Classification: protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land](#)¹³.

Improving your natural environment

Your plan or order can offer exciting opportunities to enhance your local environment. If you are setting out policies on new development or proposing sites for development, you may wish to consider identifying what environmental features you want to be retained or enhanced or new features you would like to see created as part of any new development. Examples might include:

- Providing a new footpath through the new development to link into existing rights of way.
- Restoring a neglected hedgerow.
- Creating a new pond as an attractive feature on the site.
- Planting trees characteristic to the local area to make a positive contribution to the local landscape.
- Using native plants in landscaping schemes for better nectar and seed sources for bees and birds.
- Incorporating swift boxes or bat boxes into the design of new buildings.
- Think about how lighting can be best managed to encourage wildlife.
- Adding a green roof to new buildings.

You may also want to consider enhancing your local area in other ways, for example by:

⁹<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

¹⁰<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ancient-woodland-and-veteran-trees-protection-surveys-licences>

¹¹<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

¹²<https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals>

¹³<http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/35012>

- Setting out in your plan how you would like to implement elements of a wider Green Infrastructure Strategy (if one exists) in your community.
- Assessing needs for accessible greenspace and setting out proposals to address any deficiencies or enhance provision.
- Identifying green areas of particular importance for special protection through Local Green Space designation (see [Planning Practice Guidance on this](#)¹⁴).
- Managing existing (and new) public spaces to be more wildlife friendly (e.g. by sowing wild flower strips in less used parts of parks, changing hedge cutting timings and frequency).
- Planting additional street trees.
- Identifying any improvements to the existing public right of way network, e.g. cutting back hedges, improving the surface, clearing litter or installing kissing gates) or extending the network to create missing links.
- Restoring neglected environmental features (e.g. coppicing a prominent hedge that is in poor condition, or clearing away an eyesore).

¹⁴ <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space/local-green-space-designation/>

Appendix H - Stakeholder & Regulation 14 Consultation List of Organisations Consulted & Responses Data For Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Consultation

No response date = No Response

Organisation:	Date sent (or meeting held):	Response Date:	Notes:
Amec	Monday 26 March 2018 - Email letter and Links to Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission consultation (six week period) and other relevant documentation		
Bolton Council	- Ditto -		
British Gas	- Ditto -		
BT Group plc	- Ditto -		
Bury Council	- Ditto -		
Calderdale Council	- Ditto -		
Civil Aviation Authority	- Ditto -		
Electricity North West Ltd	- Ditto -		
Environment Agency	- Ditto -		
GMPCC	- Ditto -		
Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership	- Ditto -		
Greater Manchester Local Nature Partnership	- Ditto -		
Greater Manchester Planning and Housing Team	- Ditto -		
Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Clinical Commissioning Group	- Ditto -		
Highways England	- Ditto -		
Historic England	- Ditto -	26/03/18	See Appendix I
Homes and Communities Agency	- Ditto -		

Lancashire County Council	- Ditto -		
Manchester City Council	- Ditto -		
Mobile Operators Association	- Ditto -		Organisation no longer exists - see contacts below
Enquiries from Local Planning Authorities CTIL (on behalf of Vodafone and Telefónica)	- Ditto -		
MBNL (EE and Three):	- Ditto -		
EE	- Ditto -		
Three:	- Ditto -		
Mono Consultants Ltd	- Ditto -		
National Grid	- Ditto -	29 March 2018	See Appendix L below

<p>Natural England</p>	<p>- Ditto -</p>	<p>27/03/18</p>	<p>Our ref. 242596 Dear Sir/Madam Thank you for your consultation regarding the Rooley Moor Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan dated 26th March 2018. Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals. We have reviewed the attached plan however Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan. If the Neighbourhood Plan changes and there is the potential for environmental impacts, Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening exercises may need to be undertaken. Please also see attached Annex which contains useful information when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Jacqui Salt Natural England Consultation Service Hornbeam House Crewe Business Park Electra Way, Crewe Cheshire, CW1 6GJ</p> <p>Enquiries line: 0300 060 3900 Email: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk www.gov.uk/natural-england</p>
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Network Rail	- Ditto -	26/03/2018	Network Rail has no comments to make. Regards Diane Clarke AssocRTPI Town Planning Technician LNW Network Rail Floor 1 Square One 4 Travis Street Manchester, M1 2NY
NHS England, Lancashire Area	- Ditto -		
Office of Rail and Road	- Ditto -		
Oldham Council	- Ditto -		
Rochdale Borough Council	- Ditto -		
Rossendale Borough Council	- Ditto -		
Salford City Council	- Ditto -		
Stockport Council	- Ditto -		
TalkTalk	- Ditto -		
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	- Ditto -		
The Coal Authority	- Ditto -	04/05/2018	See appendix N
Trafford Council	- Ditto -		
Transport for Greater Manchester	- Ditto -		

United Utilities Water PLC	- Ditto -	16/04/2018	<p>Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum</p> <p>Please see attached United Utilities response to the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation.</p> <p>Should you have any questions, then please contact me.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Ellie Levenson</p> <p>Planning Assistant</p> <p>Developer Services and Planning Operational Services</p> <p>United Utilities</p> <p>T: 01925 731322 (internal 31322)</p> <p>unitedutilities.com</p> <p>See appendix M below</p>
Virgin Media	- Ditto -		
Wigan Council	- Ditto -		
Lord of the Manor - Crossley Estates	- Ditto -		See details recorded in Appendix D
Peel Energy	- Ditto -		
Hutton Energy	- Ditto -		
CORONATION (OIL & GAS) LIMITED	- Ditto -		
Fern Hill Bed & Breakfast	- Ditto -		Proprietor made individual representation, included in Appendix I
Fern Hill Farm Livery Stables	- Ditto -		
Fernhill Construction Rochdale	- Ditto -		
Pennine Prospect	- Ditto -		
Friends of Healey Dell	- Ditto -		
Hill Farm	- Ditto -		
Whitworth Valley Angling Society	- Ditto -		

Appendix I Resident Responses Data For Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Consultation

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan Pre- Submission Consultation Control Document Six Weeks Consultation Period from Monday 26th March 2018 to Friday 4th May 2018

*Comment reference “HCR” denotes “Hard Copy Representation” and comment reference “OLR” denotes “On-Line Representation”.
Original hard copy and on-line representations are available upon request if supported with a valid reason for viewing the documents.
**Comments have been summarised to remove any references that might identify the person making the comments

Specific comments

Comment Reference*	Comments (Include Policy Number, etc.)**	Support or Object (S/O)	RMNF Response	Change to plan Required Y/N	Action Required
HCR006	<p>Page 41 - Only one mention of off-road vehicles given the severity of the issue seemed surprising.</p> <p>Page 52 - I don't remember the stats now but it came across as surprising that there was strong support for renewables.</p> <p>Page 52 - Can we be more specific about what constitutes unacceptable noise? I.e. A simple ETSU standard would not be enough, need to take into account the emerging research on low frequency noise.</p>	S	<p>This is an enforcement issue that is outside the scope of the neighbourhood plan. It is worth noting that the forum does try to engage with landowners and enforcement authorities in an attempt to remedy this issue.</p> <p>General comment.</p> <p>This is outside the scope of the neighbourhood plan and requires a change of national policy. The forum can lobby for change if that were deemed appropriate.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>	

Comment Reference*	Comments (Include Policy Number, etc.)**	Support or Object (S/O)	RMNF Response	Change to plan Required Y/N	Action Required
OLR008	<p>Page 21 Listed Buildings - I think it would be helpful to clarify current naming of these buildings</p> <p>Page 33 Character Areas / Views - Fully supportive of the recognition of Fern Hill and other "character" areas, and identifying all the significant views in the area. I think this is a really positive addition to current planning policy references.</p> <p>Page 65 Action Plan - I would like to add to the action plan, if it is possible, to remedy new planting of non-native species, which is out of keeping with the character and heritage of the area.</p>	S	<p>Agree.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>It's desirable for native species to be planted at existing properties. This is probably best approached as a general request rather than a requirement.</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>	<p>Change FERN HILL FARMHOUSE to FERN HILL FIRST FARMHOUSE as described on the Historic England website: https://www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/map-search?postcode=OL12%206BW&clearresults=True</p>

General Comments

Comment Reference*	Comments**	Support or Object (S/O)	RMNF Response	Change to plan Required Y/N	Action Required
HCR001	Object to local people making decisions on other people known to them. Happy with decisions and planning to continue and be made by Town & country Planning	O	Planning decisions reside with the local planning authority (LPA). Please refer to Appendix O and the "Planning Decision Process Map".	N	
HCR002	The proposed neighbourhood plan would add a bureaucratic hurdle for businesses. I'm happy with the existing planning rules and see no need to change the independence of it.	O	<p>Planning decisions reside with the local planning authority (LPA). Please refer to Appendix O and the "Planning Decision Process Map".</p> <p>The Neighbourhood plan makes it easier for some types of business to develop by reflecting the views of the community and removing hurdles.</p>	N	

Comment Reference*	Comments**	Support or Object (S/O)	RMNF Response	Change to plan Required Y/N	Action Required
HCR003 & OLR001	<p>I support the neighbourhood plan and it’s policies. In some areas the plan does not go far enough to identify other “Character Areas” and “Important Views”.</p> <p>In my opinion Fair View and Dunishbooth should be noted as character areas with important views. I believe the plan should also note the additional heritage assets of two WWII Pillboxes and three scheduled monuments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BROADLEY STATION - MONUMENT NUMBER: 499065 2. TRIPLE BANK AND DITCH - MONUMENT NUMBER: 1525509 3. EARTHWORK BANK AND DITCH - MONUMENT NUMBER: 1525508 <p>Would like to see better photos of character areas and views, which should include Fair View cottages.</p>	S	Note the southern view from Fair View, two Pill Boxes and three scheduled monuments.	Y	Add an addendum to the neighbourhood plan.
HCR004	I object to the neighbourhood plan in its entirety. We are already covered by Town & Country Planning regulations through the local authority – an independent body	O	Planning decisions reside with the local planning authority (LPA). Please refer to Appendix O and the “Planning Decision Process Map”.	N	

Comment Reference*	Comments**	Support or Object (S/O)	RMNF Response	Change to plan Required Y/N	Action Required
HCR005	I strongly object to this plan as I believe this will result in neighbour against neighbour. I believe decisions should be left to an unbiased council which has served us well for many years	O	Planning decisions reside with the local planning authority (LPA). Please refer to Appendix O and the "Planning Decision Process Map".	N	
OLR002 & HCR007	<p>Since we live in within this area it would be nice to be asked our opinion before any proposal is submitted Just typical of power crazed people try to sneak there view through under the radar without a proper consultation or discussion We will be surprised if this makes it onto the website</p> <p>I disagree with the policy in its entirety and do not support any of the policy</p>	O	<p>27/03/18 Letter sent, see appendix K.</p> <p>It would be helpful to know what changes could be made for you to support the plan.</p>	N	
OLR003	No Comments	S		N	
OLR004	No Comments	S		N	
OLR005	No Comments	S		N	

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OLR006	I am very pleased to support the aspirations, the purposes and the aims of this Forum. I support all of the policies stated within the Draft Plan and I hope that it attracts the community support needed to allow it to be adopted into Rochdale's strategic plans for the future. As never before, the preservation of our heritage is so important for future generations.	S		N	
OLR007 & HCR008	<p>We have listed a number of general observations & queries which will be sent under separate cover in the form of a word document.</p> <p>Our concerns mainly centre upon the removal of jurisdiction from an independent body (Planning Dept) to one that is potentially significantly influenced by parties with a vested & potentially prejudicial interest. We wholeheartedly support the control of industrial scale development but feel this Plan could be viewed as intrusive on a domestic level.</p>	O	<p>Noted under reference HCR008.</p> <p>Planning decisions reside with the local planning authority (LPA). Please refer to Appendix O and the "Planning Decision Process Map".</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p>	

	<p>Our motivation in respect of the Forum is to help enhance the presentation of our Village & promote a sense of Community but the RMN Plan is a step too far for us.</p> <p>P7 Section 1 - This Plan is to be enshrined in Planning legislation so needs to be fully representative of the views of the populous. The Policies of the Plan will be “used to make decisions on planning applications in the neighbourhood area” – this therefore has very wide ranging implications</p> <p>P8 para 1 - As above, this plan will guide planning decision making process</p> <p>What was the consultation process, the questionnaire?</p> <p>P9 para 1&2 - Key Objectives are presumably laid down in the constitution but it is not really representative of my personal motivation for involvement in the Forum</p>		<p>Noted.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>See the consultation statement – printed copies available Riverside and Spotland Libraries – online at: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/04-RMNF-Consultation-Statement-V6.pdf</p> <p>It is an individual’s responsibility to understand the constitution and keep abreast of the forums activities. The objects of the forum have remained unchanged since the inception of the forum and as such you might want to question whether you should be a member of an organisation with which you fundamentally appear to disagree.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>	
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	<p>P11 Mid Stage - What was the rate of return of the 228 questionnaires?</p> <p>P12 Current Stage - Who is on the panel considering the representations on the consultation & what is the decision making process on amendment?</p> <p>P14 Plan Docs - Where are the areas designated to “manage development”?</p>		<p>Please see the questionnaire analysis – printed copies are available at Riverside and Spotland Libraries or online at: http://www.rmnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Questionnaire-analysis-11-09-final.pdf</p> <p>Members of the forum were invited to join the neighbourhood plan group whose first meeting was on the 11/01/17. The group members are: Andy Meek, John Newcombe, Cecile Biant, Morley Morgan and Alan Rawsterne. Roy Thorniley was a member of the group, but subsequently retired, Roy remains a member of the forum. Paul Simson is a planning consultant who supported the process; the forum was awarded a grant to commission a consultant.</p> <p>The decision making process for amendment is review by the plan group with a recommendation to the trustees. The trustees will be asked to make the final decision about submitting the plan, at which point the council will review the document and seek independent examination.</p> <p>There are no areas designated for development. The majority view of people who responded to the questionnaire was the area could stand a little development – I.E. restoration of derelict buildings, change of use of existing buildings, etc.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>	
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	<p>P22 Heritage Features – Fernhill Hamlet is mentioned here but it is not supported by the residents of Fernhill who would prefer it not to be specifically identified.</p>		<p>We are not sure you can say, “it [presumably the neighbourhood plan] is not supported by Fernhill residents” as we are aware of some Fernhill residents who do support the plan. We are not sure if your response was from you as an individual or as a spokesperson for some Fern Hill residents? If you are acting as a spokesperson we strongly recommend you advise each individual that they have the right to respond individually and as such any concerns would carry more weight if each of those residents explained their issues and proposed remedy.</p>	<p>N</p>	
	<p>Fernhill farmhouse is not a listed building so can this please be corrected or made clear.</p>		<p>Agreed, this will be changed to FERN HILL “FIRST” FARMHOUSE as described on the Historic England website: https://www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/map-search?postcode=OL12%206BW&clearresults=True</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Also noted at OLR008</p>
	<p>P26 Recreational Opp’s – What forms will the additional parking facilities take? Will this serve to benefit the area in a positive way?</p>		<p>That would depend on a planning application at which point we would be able to respond.</p>	<p>N</p>	
	<p>P28+29 - is this a restatement of planning policy?</p>		<p>The policy refers to national (Government) and local (Council) greenbelt planning policy and also reflects the majority view of people who responded to the questionnaire.</p>	<p>N</p>	
	<p>P30 Design - para g) innovation does not need this additional condition placing on it, I would expect the planners to be capable of deciding this.</p>		<p>Planning decisions reside with the local planning authority (LPA). Please refer to Appendix O and the “Planning Decision Process Map”.</p>	<p>N</p>	

	<p>para h) seems to be rather onerous and is this part of the Forum’s remit?</p>		<p>This reflects current Council Policy. Each application would be taken on merit; as such the forum does not have a remit other than to reflect the view of people who responded to the questionnaire.</p>	<p>N</p>	
	<p>P31 Conversion & Re-Use – para b) why should we resist major reconstruction if done in a sensitive manner & in keeping with the area? This should not be a barrier to reinvigorating the area</p>		<p>Please refer to the explanation on page 32. This is a requirement to comply with Government / Local Council greenbelt policy by trying to ensure that the footprint of a development does not expand overly from the original building and encroach into greenbelt.</p>	<p>N</p>	
	<p>para’s d) & h) appear to be a restatement of planning guidelines</p>		<p>Agreed.</p>	<p>N</p>	
	<p>para g) is this a bit over zealous?</p>		<p>Agreed, but, Off street parking, bin storage and collection points are a nice to have, especially if you want to maintain the look and feel of an area. This wouldn’t necessarily stop a development if this wasn’t achievable – It would depend on the application and our Local Council planning decision.</p>	<p>N</p>	
	<p>P33 Character Areas & Important Views – The residents of Fernhill would prefer the hamlet to not be specifically identified as a character area and request this be removed.</p>		<p>Your comments do not necessarily reflect the opinion of all Fern Hill residents. As such we suggest you make individuals aware they have a right to respond and any concerns they may have would carry more weight if each explained their issues and proposed remedy.</p>	<p>N</p>	
	<p>Ditto, from the section on important views. Resident comment on the important views should be sort & approved to ensure satisfaction with their inclusion.</p>		<p>The purpose of the pre-submission consultation is to allow residents to comment.</p>	<p>N</p>	

	<p>P35 Heritage Assets – in the explanation section, why are we extending the consideration of the effect on non-heritage assets in the penultimate paragraph, is this necessary?</p> <p>P36 4th para – Is this not too prescriptive and invasive by seeking to impose onerous restrictions on new development that could be viewed as restrictive?</p> <p>P36\37 Note on Conservation Area – Is this merely restating Planning Policy?</p> <p>The note about the trees appears to be very onerous & will apply to many self-seeded trees that could potentially be detrimental to the environment they are situated in.</p> <p>P38 Policy RE1 – If the proposals are in addition to existing policy, this seems extremely onerous & setting the bar very high to encourage rural regeneration of the farming community.</p> <p>P38 Explanation Para 2 – subjective assessment criteria for the “careful balance..... scale and character”</p>		<p>This complements Policy P2 of the Rochdale Core Strategy, which seeks to protect the Borough’s heritage. Perhaps you can expand on your concern?</p> <p>Are you referring to the paragraph commencing, “Dry-stone”? If you are the “Note” has a qualifying statement, “as far as possible”. It would be for our Local Council planning department to make this determination whilst considering Policy P2 of the Rochdale Core Strategy.</p> <p>We believe this is Local Planning Council policy.</p> <p>We expect this is an existing Local Council guideline that facilitates planners making a determination between a sapling and a tree.</p> <p>You may want to consider the opposite view; the policy is very supportive of the rural economy, in the event of a farmer wanting to diversify and apply for planning permission there would be no need to consult with the forum. If you were to suggest section F was counter intuitive when compared to Policy HO1 (Page 28, section D) an amendment would seem appropriate.</p> <p>This would be for the Local Council planning department to determine.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p>	<p>Remove the condition, <i>“they do not require new dwellings within the rural area to support the enterprise;”</i></p>
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	<p>P42 Equestrian Development – Is this is additional legislation to supplement existing Planning Legislation? Seems very onerous and restrictive towards any future development proposals.</p> <p>Have the farming community been consulted on this?</p> <p>P62 Control of New Development – who will represent the Forum in its role as consultee?</p> <p>P63 Reviewing the Plan – who will undertake the review & how will the proposed amendments & updates be incorporated? What are the checks & balances to the amendment process?</p> <p>P68 Policy E3 – Light Pollution – I am not aware that there is an issue currently. Have representations been made?</p>		<p>This is existing legislation with a slight revision. Rochdale & Bury Bridleways consulted on this policy, the outcome was an improvement in the ruling for removal of a ménage, currently 6 months, to a proposed neighbourhood policy of 12 months. Other than the increased period of disuse, the policy would have no effect on exiting ménages.</p> <p>The forum chair, Andy Meek, has been approached and awaits a response. The farming community can, of course, make representations through the consultation process.</p> <p>The trustees.</p> <p>The planning group would review and make a recommendation for the trustees to approve or reject. Only upon trustee approval would the plan be submitted to the council. And, subsequently (if approved by the Council) independent examination, 6-week consultation and then a referendum of all eligible residents who live in the area.</p> <p>We not aware of any issues or representations. The policy is intended for any development in a “Dark Sky” location and has no effect on existing developments.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>	
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Appendix J - Response from Historic England



Historic England

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 Your ref: E-mail 26th Mar2018
 Telephone: 07500 121974

To: info@rmnf.org.uk
 Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Development Plan

26th March 2018

Dear Sir/madam,

Re: Draft Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you for consulting Historic England. As the Government's adviser on the historic environment, Historic England is keen to ensure that the protection of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of the local planning process.

The Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan falls within the boundary of the Prickshaw and Broadley Fold conservation area and includes 4 buildings or structures listed in Grade II. It will be important that the strategy you put together for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the significance of those historic assets. This will ensure that they can be enjoyed by future generations of the area and make sure it is in line with national planning policy.

The conservation officer at Rochdale Council will be the best placed person to assist the Forum during the development of your Plan with respect to the historic environment and can help the Forum to consider and clearly articulate how a strategy can address the area's heritage assets. Although the neighbourhood area does contain designated heritage assets, at this point we don't consider there is a need for Historic England to be involved in the development of the strategy, but we offer some general advice and guidance below.

If the Forum has not already done so, we would recommend that you speak to the staff at the *Greater Manchester Archaeological Advice Service* who look after the Historic Environment Record and give advice on archaeological matters. They should be able to provide details of not only any designated heritage assets but also locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line



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via the Heritage Gateway (www.heritagegateway.org.uk). It may also be useful to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society, local history groups, building preservation trusts, etc. in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan. The planning authority may also be able to provide the Forum with more general support in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan, including the provision of appropriate maps and supporting documentation. There are also funding opportunities available from Locality that could allow the community to hire appropriate expertise to assist in such an undertaking. This could involve hiring a consultant to help in the production of the plan itself, or to undertake work that could form the evidence base for the plan. More information on this can be found on the My Community website here: <http://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/neighbourhood-planning/>.

I am pleased to see that the Forum commissioned the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Area Rochdale Heritage Appraisal in Oct 2015. The neighbourhood plan is an opportunity for the community to clearly set out which elements of the character and appearance of the neighbourhood area as a whole are considered important, as well as provide specific policies that protect the positive elements, and address any areas that negatively affect that character and appearance.

The government's National Planning Practice Guidance is clear that, where relevant, Neighbourhood Plans need to include enough information about local heritage to guide local authority planning decisions and to put broader strategic heritage policies from the local authority's local plan into action but at a neighbourhood scale. If appropriate this should include enough information about local non-designated heritage assets, including sites of archaeological interest or locally listed buildings.

In addition to considering designated heritage assets therefore, a Neighbourhood Plan is an important opportunity for a community to develop a positive strategy for the area's locally important heritage assets that aren't recognised at a national level through listing or scheduling. This includes identifying any non-statutorily designated historic buildings, sites, views or places of importance to the local community, and setting out what factors make them special. These elements can then be afforded a level of protection from inappropriate change through an appropriately worded policy in the plan. The plan could also include consideration of any Grade II listed buildings or locally-designated heritage assets which are at risk or in poor condition, and which could then be the focus of specific policies aimed at their enhancement.

Your neighbourhood plan is also an opportunity for the community to designate Local Green Spaces. Green spaces are often integral to the character of place for any given area, and your plan could include policies that identified any deficiencies with existing green spaces or access to them, or aimed at managing development around them. Locality has produced helpful guidance on this, which is available here:

<https://mycommunity.org.uk/resources/neighbourhood-planning-local-green-spaces>.

You can also use the neighbourhood plan process to identify any potential Assets of Community Value in the neighbourhood area. Assets of Community Value (ACV) can include things like local public houses, community facilities such as libraries and museums, or again green open spaces. Often these can be important elements of the local historic environment, and whether or not they are protected in other ways, designating them as an ACV can offer an



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additional level of control to the community with regard to how they are conserved. There is useful information on this process on Locality's website here:

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/take-action/land-and-building-assets/assets-of-community-value-right-to-bid/>.

Communities that have a neighbourhood plan in force are entitled to claim 25% of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds raised from development in their area. The Localism Act 2011 allows this CIL money to be used for the maintenance and on-going costs associated with a range of heritage assets including, for example, transport infrastructure such as historic bridges, green and social infrastructure such as historic parks and gardens, civic spaces, and public places. As a Qualifying Body, the neighbourhood forum can either have access to this money or influence how it is spent through the neighbourhood plan process. Historic England recommends that the community therefore identifies the ways in which CIL can be used to facilitate the conservation of the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting, and sets this out in the neighbourhood plan. More information and guidance on this is available from Locality, here:

<https://mycommunity.org.uk/resources/community-infrastructure-levy-neighbourhood-planning-toolkit/>

Further information and guidance on how heritage can best be incorporated into Neighbourhood Plans has been produced by Historic England. This signposts a number of other documents which your community might find useful in helping to identify what it is about your area which makes it distinctive and how you might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. These can be found here:

<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>

The following general guidance also published by Historic England may also be useful to the plan forum in preparing the neighbourhood plan, or considering how best to develop a strategy for the conservation and management of heritage assets in the area. It may also be useful to provide links to some of these documents in the plan:

HE Advice Note 2 - making changes to heritage assets: <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/making-changes-heritage-assets-advice-note-2/>

HE Good Practice Advice in Planning 3 - the setting of heritage assets: <https://content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/gpa3-setting-of-heritage-assets/gpa3.pdf/>

HE Advice Note 3 - site allocations in local plans: <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-and-site-allocations-in-local-plans>

HE Advice Note 7 - local listing: <https://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/local-heritage-listing-advice-note-7>

We recommend the inclusion of a glossary containing relevant terminology contained in the NPPF, in addition to details about the additional legislative and policy protections that heritage assets enjoy.



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We should like to stress that this advice is based on the information provided in your correspondence. To avoid any doubt, this does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on or, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise as a result of the proposed neighbourhood plan, where we consider these would have an adverse effect on the historic environment.

SEA advice

It is not apparent that the Forum has undertaken the process of determining whether or not Strategic Environmental Assessment is required for the Plan to comply with EU obligations. In order to establish whether or not any site allocations/policies might have significant effects on the historic environment, it is necessary for your Forum to consult us (together with the Environment Agency and Natural England) on the matter so that we might assist you in coming to a view. We will then formally advise on the likelihood of the Plan having significant environmental effects upon the historic environment such that Strategic Environmental Assessment is required. The consultation should take the form of a Screening Opinion.

If you have any queries about this matter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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Appendix K Responses to Resident Comment Dated 27 March 2018

Dear ,

Re: Neighbourhood Planning – Your Consultation Response Dated 27th March 2018.

Thank you for your comments:

“Since we live in within this area it would be nice to be asked our opinion before any proposal is submitted Just typical of power crazed people try to sneak there view through under the radar without a proper consultation or discussion We will be surprised if this makes it onto the website”

Please be assured this is a democratic process and Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Area & Forum is designated by Rochdale Borough Council. Neighbourhood planning was introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and forms part of the Government’s commitment to let local people have more of a say on local planning, hence the formation of RMNF to achieve this in our area.

It would appear from your comments you feel that you have not had the opportunity to be involved in the process of formulating the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for our area. A copy of our community questionnaire, inviting you to give your views, was posted to you on the 19 May 2017. The questionnaire was also made available online and publicised through our website, social media and Rochdale Online. Respondents had the opportunity to be anonymous, so it’s difficult to know exactly who did or did not respond.

Regarding this Plan, please note it is a “Pre-Submission” draft and we are inviting comments from residents, stakeholders and statutory consultees. The consultation period has only just opened and you have until Friday 4th May 2018 to review the Plan and make any comments you wish. When the consultation period has closed our Neighbourhood Plan group will consider all the comments that have been made and make any required adjustments to the Plan – Only then, will the Plan be submitted to the Council for consideration.

You are correct that your comments of the 27th March 2017, or any other comments you make will not be posted on our website. They will, however be made available at the end of the consultation period in the “Consultation Statement” and whilst this document will be in the public domain your name and address details will not be published.

We hope you are assured this is a democratic process and will review the “Pre-submission” Plan and let us know which bits you support or object to. Where you have an objection, it’s important you tell us what change we could make to overcome your objection.

Yours sincerely,

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum

Appendix L - Response from National Grid

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29 March 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

**Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan Consultation
 SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL GRID**

National Grid has appointed Amec Foster Wheeler to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regards to the above Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

About National Grid

National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and operate the Scottish high voltage transmission system. National Grid also owns and operates the gas transmission system. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the distribution networks at high pressure. It is then transported through a number of reducing pressure tiers until it is finally delivered to our customer. National Grid own four of the UK's gas distribution networks and transport gas to 11 million homes, schools and businesses through 81,000 miles of gas pipelines within North West, East of England, West Midlands and North London.

To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies which may affect our assets.

Specific Comments

An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus.

National Grid has identified the following high voltage overhead powerlines as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary:

ZP Route - 400kV from Rochdale substation in Rochdale to ZPA065 Tower in Rochdale.

From the consultation information provided, the above overheads powerline does not interact with any of the proposed development sites.

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Gas Distribution – Low / Medium Pressure

Whilst there is no implications for National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus, there may however be Low Pressure (LP) / Medium Pressure (MP) Gas Distribution pipes present within proposed development sites. If further information is required in relation to the Gas Distribution network please contact plantprotection@nationalgrid.com

Key resources / contacts

National Grid has provided information in relation to electricity and transmission assets via the following internet link:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/>

The first point of contact for all works within the vicinity of gas distribution assets is Plant Protection (plantprotection@nationalgrid.com).

Information regarding the transmission and distribution network can be found at: www.energynetworks.org.uk

Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our infrastructure. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database:

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I hope the above information is useful. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

[via email]

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Appendix M - Response from United Utilities



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Date 16th April 2018

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By Email (info@RMNF.org.uk)

Dear Sir / Madam,

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Development Plan – Pre-submission Draft for Consultation

Thank you for your email and links to the draft neighbourhood plan.

United Utilities works closely with Rochdale Council to understand future development sites and impact on our infrastructure.

It is important that we highlight that as the water and sewerage company for Rochdale, we have statutory obligations which include:

- The right to connect domestic wastewater flows to the public sewer. This includes foul and surface water; and
- A domestic supply duty in respect of public water supply.

United Utilities seeks to work with all parties to ensure all surface water from new development is drained in the most sustainable manner, in line with the surface water hierarchy (see specific comments for more detail).

We wish to highlight our **free pre-application service** for applicants to discuss and agree drainage strategies and water supply requirements. We cannot stress highly enough the importance of contacting us as early as possible. Enquiries are encouraged by contacting:

Developer Services - Wastewater

Tel: 03456 723 723

Email: WastewaterDeveloperServices@uuplc.co.uk

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It is important that United Utilities is kept aware of any development proposed within your neighbourhood plan over and above the Council's allocations. We encourage further consultation with us at an early stage should you look to allocate any sites in the future over and above the allocations determined by the council.

Specific Comments

With regards to the text in policy HO1 (e), United Utilities suggest that applicants should ensure early liaison with United Utilities alongside the respective lead local flood authorities to ensure the impact of new development on the public sewer and watercourses is managed in accordance with national standards.

Disproportionate growth in any settlement, especially small settlements, has the potential to place a strain on existing water and wastewater infrastructure. United Utilities requests that developers/applicants engage in early dialogue regarding any development proposal.

In addition, United Utilities recommends additional wording with respect to Surface Water Management. We recommend the following amendments are included in the plan, possibly as a separate policy.

"New development should be designed to maximise the retention of surface water on the development site and to minimise runoff. The approach to surface water drainage should be considered in liaison with the LLFA, the public sewerage undertaker and where appropriate the Environment Agency".

Surface water should be discharged in the following order of priority:

- *An adequate soakaway or some other form of infiltration system.*
- *An attenuated discharge to watercourse or other water body.*
- *An attenuated discharge to public surface water sewer.*
- *An attenuated discharge to public combined sewer.*

Summary

Moving forward, we respectfully request that all parties continue to consult with United Utilities on all future planning documents. We are keen to continue working in partnership with you and Rochdale Council to ensure that all new growth can be delivered sustainably.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or would like to discuss this representation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Appendix N - Response from The Coal Authority



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Resolving the impacts of mining

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4 May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Plan – Pre-Submission

Thank you for the notification of the 26 March 2018 consulting The Coal Authority on the above NDP.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body which works to protect the public and the environment in coal mining areas. Our statutory role in the planning system is to provide advice about new development in the coalfield areas and also protect coal resources from unnecessary sterilisation by encouraging their extraction, where practical, prior to the permanent surface development commencing.

As you will be aware the Neighbourhood Plan area lies within the current defined coalfield.

According to the Coal Authority Development High Risk Area Plans, there are recorded risks from past coal mining activity including; 28 mine entries and recorded and likely unrecorded coal mine workings at shallow depth.

It is noted that the Neighbourhood Plan does not propose to allocate any land for development and on this basis we have no specific comments to make. However, if in the future the Neighbourhood Plan allocates sites for future development in the areas of coal mining legacy then consideration will need to be given to the risks to surface stability posed by these features in accordance with the National and Local Planning Policy. In

addition any allocations on the surface coal resource will need to consider the impacts of mineral sterilisation.

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) please continue to consult The Coal Authority on planning matters using the specific email address of planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie Lindsley". The script is cursive and elegant, with the first letter of each word being significantly larger and more decorative than the others.

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Appendix O - Planning Decision Process Map (High Level)

