

CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Application for Designation of Neighbourhood Area to

Oldham MBC

Introduction

This is a formal application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for the non parished area of Chadderton.

Plan_Boundary

A plan is attached showing the proposed boundary of the neighbourhood area.

Justification of the Boundary

The proposed neighbourhood area consists of the three wards Chadderton North, Chadderton Central and Chadderton South so includes the town centre and residential and employment areas as well as areas of open land and the smaller settlements of Chadderton Heights and Healds Green.

This area has been chosen as local residents have a strong affinity with Chadderton which historically was an urban district in its own right. This affinity has been borne out in the initial discussions which were held to establish the associated forum.

It is considered desirable to include the whole of Chadderton since it is likely that the initial areas of concern that have been identified could not be dealt with in isolation but would have to be considered in the wider context of the area as a whole . If, for example, it is deemed undesirable for development to take place in a particular area of Chadderton there would be a potential requirement to find an alternative site for that development. For that reason all the available land needs to be contained in the plan boundary.

Historically there has been considerable interest in the improvement of the environment led by Chadderton Together which has taken the form of work by interested voluntary groups such as Firwood and District Residents' Association. It is considered that this work could be built on by the plan to develop into a wider strategy for the area which will assist in the identification of funding for larger scale projects and will inform the responses to any future development proposals. An application has been made to designate a Neighbourhood Forum under the title of the Chadderton Partnership in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations and this will make the Chadderton Partnership a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Planning at scale will also allow some larger issues such as transport links to have a better chance of being listened to than if proposals are made on a more micro scale.

The future of the town centre has also been identified as an important issue which again will have an impact on all residents.

The Neighbourhood Plan will have to be prepared in the context of the emerging GMSF and the renewal of the Oldham Local Plan and will have to deal with the impact of these documents.

Chadderton Partnership

This will be the qualifying body making the application in accordance with the Regulations