

**Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area** 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Local Planning Authority:** Preston City Council

**Name of Neighbourhood Body:** Woodplumpton Parish Council

**Neighbourhood Area:** Woodplumpton Parish area (see attached map)

**Statement** as agreed at the Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Woodplumpton Parish Council feel that the time is right to produce a neighbourhood plan because:-

- Work is progressing on NW Preston as a strategic location and whilst that area has its own Masterplan, a Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that other areas of the Parish are not neglected and the needs / improvements for the whole Parish are assessed and provided for.
- NW Preston is providing a variety of homes designed for families and urban living and a Neighbourhood Plan will give the Parish Council the opportunity to influence the shape and growth of development outside of the strategic location whilst retaining the rural character of the Parish
- New infrastructure is required to ensure that existing areas can safely access the proposed facilities and amenities in the strategic location and a Neighbourhood Plan will help residents influence and decide where our Community Infrastructure Levy is spent.
- The production of a Neighbourhood Plan will provide an opportunity for the Parish Council to identify its local heritage and contribution to the economy, whilst assessing the areas of character and special interest, listed buildings and assets of community value
- It will also provide an opportunity to identify green, open spaces around the Parish to ensure they are protected, enhanced and used to their full potential.

As the local Parish Council for Woodplumpton we are a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Statement to go on the parish website:-

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Woodplumpton Parish Council has resolved to begin the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan will give us the ability to identify and assess the rural heritage of the area and ensure that new growth, outside the NW Preston Strategic location, reflects the rural character of the Parish.

The Plan will allow residents to consider provision and access to current and proposed development, infrastructure, community facilities and green space and assess whether it meets the needs of existing and future generations.

Once approved the Neighbourhood Plan will be used by the Local Planning Authority to make decisions on Planning Applications in the Woodplumpton area.

Before we can start work on a Neighbourhood Plan we need to apply to Preston City Council to get the Neighbourhood Area designated. Woodplumpton Parish Council have proposed that the designated area should be that covered by the Parish boundary.

Preston City Council will publicise and consult on the Neighbourhood Area for 6 weeks before making a decision on whether the Neighbourhood Area can be designated.

A formal notice with a map of the proposed Neighbourhood Area can be viewed on our Parish Council notice boards and on this website.

Although the Parish Council have initiated this process, a Neighbourhood Plan is produced by the local community and the plan is intended to give local residents an opportunity to say what works well in the area, what needs improving and where new housing, community facilities or open space should be provided.

Once the designated area has been approved, we will begin a period of consultation with residents to establish your views on the above. The Parish Council will form a Working Group to enable residents, businesses and local councillors to work in partnership to develop Woodplumpton's Neighbourhood Plan.

If you wish to be involved with the process then please contact Mrs Julie Buttle, the Parish Council Clerk [wparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:wparishclerk@gmail.com) or use the 'contact us' button on the Parish Council website.