

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

As amended by the Localism Act 2011, sch 9, part 1

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012- Part 2 (5) – Application for Designation

Application Made by Harworth and Bircotes Town Council

The Town Council of Harworth Bircotes hereby applies for the designation of the following area to be the subject of a neighbourhood plan under the above regulations.

Section 5 (1) (a) Application Area

The Parish of Harworth Bircotes (see attached map)


Section 5 (1) (b) Appropriate Area Statement

The area is considered appropriate for the designation as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

The Town is a long established, well recognised and a clearly defined area entirely within the remit of the Harworth Bircotes Town Council. Within the Town, the great majority of residents live within the settlements of either Harworth or Bircotes, which collectively forms one physical and social identity, along with the former Harworth Colliery site. With the closure of the colliery this has impacted significantly on the Town and therefore the Town Council wishes to ensure any future regeneration of the Town is guided and built for the existing and future residents of the area. The Town council is a democratically elected body that represents the community and is committed to the regeneration and future success of Harworth and Bircotes.

Section 5 (1) (C) Relevant Body Statement

Harworth Bircotes Town Council meets the criteria of a relevant body by virtue of satisfying the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011, Schedule 9, Part 1, Section 61G (2) (a).

Signed Town Clerk  Date 15/4/13

Signed by Chairman G.S. - Evans Date 15/4/13

Mr. June Evans



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Ms Natalie Cockrell
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Tuesday, 09 April 2013

Dear Natalie,

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – APPLICATION.

Herewith.

Yours sincerely



Steve Bowman
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HARWORTH & BIRCOTES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Harworth and Bircotes Town Council hereby submits an application to Bassetlaw District Council to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Harworth and Bircotes.

BOUNDARY.

The boundary of Harworth and Bircotes is shown on the attached map.

QUALIFYING BODY.

The Town Council is the qualifying body to carry out the Neighbourhood Plan.

WHY/WHAT.

The Town Council considers that it would be advantageous for the residents of Harworth and Bircotes to undergo this procedure to address the following issues:-

Greater involvement and influence over the future development of the Town by engaging with our community and also having the benefit of professional advice from other authorities/bodies to gain as much benefit as we can from this initiative.

To investigate the provision and opportunity for greater employment and investment. This, we feel, will benefit the local economy and help address issues of high unemployment and crime which are a major factor here.

This Town is the 3rd largest in Bassetlaw and a designated growth point with 1300 plus houses already in the planning system; this will see the town's population increase substantially in the next few years.

PLANNING.

We wish to see investigation of the requirement to provide low cost housing in the town and seek your assistance in performing a detailed investigation into this issue. It is our belief that we already have sufficient low cost properties available.

A known need is to provide suitable accommodation for our aging population – one bedded units are seen as particularly needed to help release two and three bedded house back into circulation.

Replacement of the Airey Houses in the town and improvements to the existing stock is seen as key.

LEISURE.

To review the sporting facilities available in the town and consider possible Improvements to our Leisure Centre in light in the increased population as detailed.

ENVIRONMENT.

Public realm improvements to our shopping area have already started, Ms J Davis at BDC is currently working on a scheme with Notts CC looking at changes to road layout, parking and highway matters.

A memorial to those who have died at the mothballed Harworth Pit is also being considered/planned.

The Town Council is in negotiation over the transfer of ownership of Snipe Park Wood from BDC. It is our intention to seek Stewardship sponsorship to fund future maintenance of the wood.

A pond is currently being constructed in a joint project with UK Coal/Jones' Homes to provide another attractive feature for the town.

SCHOOL PROVISION.

To consider the needs of the town in view of the proposed increase in population.

We wish to ensure that the proposed future development of the town enhances peoples quality of life, and also protect the natural environment.

HOW WILL WE COMMUNICATE WITH OUR RESIDENTS?

Public notices on the five public notice boards.

Our website.

Town Life – this is delivered to every house in the town (monthly).

Local newspapers

Contact details.

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