



MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Clerk To The Council

23 June 2021

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Dear Chief Executive,

Mossley Neighbourhood Plan

I refer to previous correspondence regarding the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Mossley.

I am now writing to advise you formally that the Town Council at the meeting on 16 June 2021, considered the Neighbourhood Plan boundary in light of the Mossley Parish and Mossley Ward boundaries being incongruent as a result of the Boundary Commission Review conducted in 2004.

I am attaching a copy of a report considered at the Town Council meeting on 16 June in which members were advised of the issue and invited to reconsider the boundary for the Neighbourhood Plan.

After considering the report, the Town Council decided to request that application be made for the designation of the parish area only as the Mossley Neighbourhood Plan Area.

The resolutions adopted by the Town Council are set out below:

1. That to develop a shared vision for the Town of Mossley and to shape the development and growth of the locality through the preparation of a neighbourhood development plan, and pursuant to section 61G of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the Town Council makes application to Tameside MBC for the designation of the administrative area of the Mossley Town (Parish) Council as the Mossley Neighbourhood Plan Area.

2. That the resolution adopted on 24 February 2021 (minute 2086), seeking designation of the entire Mossley Ward as a neighbourhood plan area be rescinded.
3. That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair be authorised to finalise the Supporting Statement for submission to Tameside MBC.

I am attaching the finalised supporting statement to accompany the Town Council's resolution together with a plan of the Town (Parish) Boundary. I regret that this is the only plan that I have available. I presume that the District Council has a copy of the original parish/ward map at the time of designation.

Please let me know if there is anything further you require at this stage.

I look forward to receiving the decision of the District Council on the Town Council's request in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Mossley Neighbourhood Plan

Report of the Clerk

1 Purpose of report

To advise the Town Council on the latest developments in processing the Neighbourhood Plan.

To invite members to consider the area to be included within the Neighbourhood Plan area.

2 Report

Background

Members will recall that at the meeting of the Town Council on 24 February 2021 the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That in order to develop a shared vision for the Town of Mossley and to shape the development and growth of the locality through the preparation of a neighbourhood development plan, and pursuant to section 61G of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the Town Council makes application to Tameside MBC for the designation of the administrative area of the Mossley Town Council (which is congruent with the Tameside MBC Mossley Ward) as the Mossley Neighbourhood Plan Area.
2. That an amount of £5,000 be included in the Budget for 2021/22 in order to meet any costs associated with the preparation of the plan.

The decision was communicated to Tameside MBC because when a decision is taken to request a neighbourhood plan for the entire area of the parish, the decision needs to be taken by the Local Planning Authority.

At the time of the decision, it was the assumption that the parish and Mossley ward boundaries were congruent.

As discussions with Tameside MBC progressed, it became apparent that the two boundaries are not congruent.

Following further discussions, it now appears that an additional area to the south west of the Mossley Ward around the Luzley area was added as part of a Boundary Commission Review conducted in 2004. The parish boundary had

been established in 1999 and at that time the ward and parish boundaries were congruent.

Plans of the Mossley ward and the parish boundary are attached for reference.

Decision required on the Neighbourhood Plan Boundary

In light of the above information, the resolution adopted by the Town Council is erroneous. The boundaries referred to in the resolution adopted in February are not the same.

The Town Council needs to adopt a revised resolution either requesting designation of the parish only as a Neighbourhood Plan area, or a revised resolution adopting the Mossley Ward area as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

It is possible for the Town Council to include land beyond the parish in the Neighbourhood Plan area.

A parish council can put forward the neighbourhood area that they consider appropriate for neighbourhood planning; this does not have to follow administrative boundaries. The area application must be made to each of the local planning authorities which has part of its administrative area within the proposed neighbourhood area. In this case, Tameside MBC is the Local Planning Authority for both the parish and Mossley wards.

The Tameside MBC Decision-Making Process

Advice has been sought from Tameside MBC about how the decision on the Town Council's request for a neighbourhood plan will be made.

According to advice on the Gov.UK website, the Council's Executive takes the decisions on neighbourhood planning (where the authority operates executive arrangements). The Executive may be able to delegate to others in the authority the power to discharge these duties. The neighbourhood planning functions may be delegated to a committee or another authority.

Advice on the formal process Tameside MBC will follow is awaited.

Neighbourhood Plan Supporting Statement

At the Town Council's Annual Meeting on 5 May 2021, members considered and approved a draft statement for submission to Tameside MBC, subject to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair, being authorised to make any further amendments.

Further amendments may need to be made to the statement depending upon which boundary option for the neighbourhood Plan is chosen.

The 'draft' statement agreed at the meeting on 5 May 2021 is attached.

3 Recommendation

Members are invited to:

1. note the information included in this report;
2. to decide whether they wish to request designation of the Mossley Parish or Mossley Ward as the neighbourhood plan area; and
3. consider amending the draft statement for submission to Tameside MBC in light of the Neighbourhood Plan boundary selected.

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Mossley Town Council Neighbourhood Area

Supporting Statement

- 1 In accordance with 61G of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the Town Council makes application to Tameside MBC for the designation of the administrative area of the Mossley Town (Parish) Council as the Mossley Neighbourhood Plan Area.

A plan showing the area requested for designation as a neighbourhood area is attached.

- 2 The Town Council is making the application as a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- 3 The Town Council has resolved to designate the whole of the administrative area of the Town (Parish) Council to develop a shared vision for the Town of Mossley and to shape the development and growth of the locality through the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Mossley is a town in which all residents share a universal understanding of the physical, economic, social and political landscape of their town and it is of paramount importance to the Town Council that all residents have an opportunity to contribute to a plan which will apply to future considerations.

The Parish area comprises the catchment area for access to local services such as shops, primary schools, doctors' surgery, parks or other facilities, many of which can be accessed on foot.

The Parish is an area where formal and informal networks of community-based groups operate.

- 4 The decision to request designation of a Neighbourhood Plan was taken at the meeting of the Town Council on 16 June 2021.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. That to develop a shared vision for the Town of Mossley and to shape the development and growth of the locality through the

preparation of a neighbourhood development plan, and pursuant to section 61G of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the Town Council makes application to Tameside MBC for the designation of the administrative area of the Mossley Town (Parish) Council as the Mossley Neighbourhood Plan Area.

2. That the resolution adopted on 24 February 2021 (minute 2086), seeking designation of the entire Mossley Ward as a neighbourhood plan area be rescinded.
3. That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair be authorised to finalise the Supporting Statement for submission to Tameside MBC.

Prior to adopting the resolution, the Town Council participated in advisory sessions with Abbie Miladinovic, acting in her capacity as a volunteer Locality Neighbourhood Planning Champion and with the lead councillor for neighbourhood planning at the adjacent Saddleworth Parish Council. These sessions complemented the views of the Town Council expressed over a considerable period that designation as a Neighbourhood Plan area would be the aim of the Town Council.

- 5 The broad aim of the Plan is to cover sustainability, housing of all types, employment and the commercial environment, community services including health, cultural and sporting facilities together with general and historic environmental matters of concern.

It is accepted that there may be issues to be covered in the Plan which cannot be outlined at this stage pending public participation exercises which may reveal additional areas of concern to the community.

The Plan will aim to preserve the character of Mossley as an attractive area to live, work and participate in leisure activities.

- 6 The Town Council believes that this will be an opportunity for the community to provide input into the future development of the town and will contribute to the ambition of Tameside MBC in the creation of new development plans for the whole borough.

Local people will have the opportunity to help shape future policies for land use and the scale and appearance of development.

Endorsed by the Chair and Members of Mossley Town Council

Date: 16 June 2021

