

Appendix 2

How the Plan was made

- Plan Preparation

In order to prepare the Plan, the Parish first had to establish the Plan area and made arrangements for decision making and undertaking the work. To do this the Parish Council was fortunate enough to be able to draw on local expertise in a variety of specialist areas in the form of volunteers. It also decided that it would need independent specialist help at certain points in the Plan-making process. To this end it established a budget including funds allocated from the Parish Council and a Government Grant made available specifically for the purpose of producing Neighbourhood Plans.

- Area of Designation

One of the first actions in the production of the Plan was to define the Plan Area and have it officially designated by Lancaster City Council. The Parish Council were interested in issues that could affect large parts of the Parish and as such it decided to have the whole of its area designated as the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

The Area was submitted to Lancaster Council for Designation on January 22 2016 after a 4 week statutory consultation period (1 Feb 2016 29 Feb 2016) held via by Lancaster Council, the area was designated in April 2016

The Designated Area

The Neighbourhood Plan area covers the Civil Parish of Slyne-with-Hest and makes use of the defined Parish Boundaries. The Parish includes the communities of Slyne and Hest Bank along with the open countryside areas along Morecambe Bay and into the North Lancashire Green Belt. The Parish also includes the newly completed Bay Gateway which connects Junction 34 of the M6 with the Heysham Peninsula.

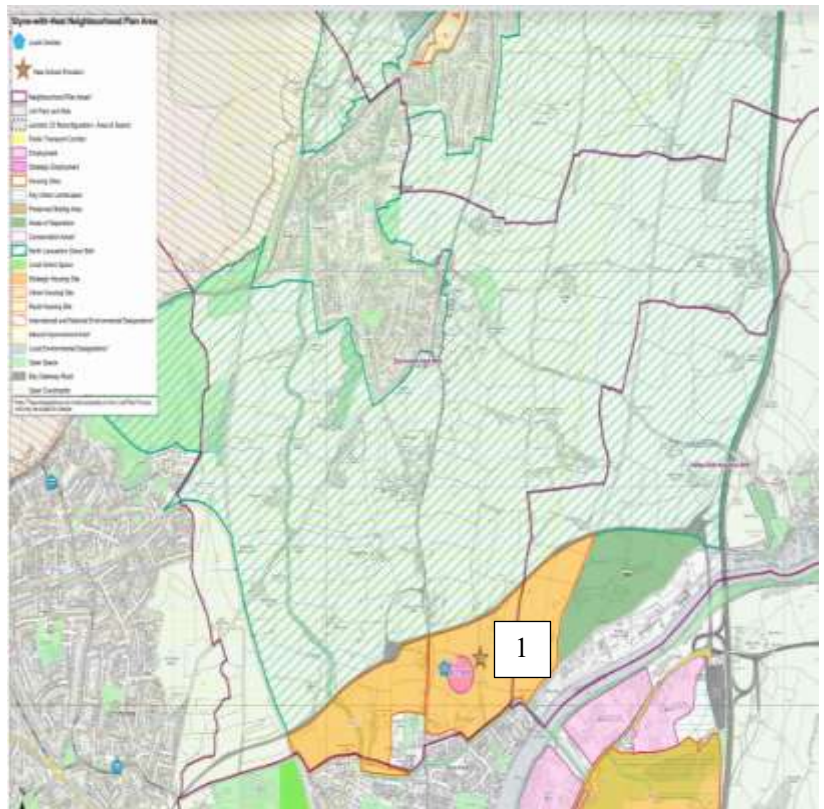


Since the initial designation of the Neighbourhood Plan area in March 2016 the City Council have prepared and published a draft Local Plan for the district which seeks to meet evidenced strategic development needs for the district. Consultation on this draft plan took place in early 2017 and it is anticipated that a Publication and Submission of the district-wide Plan will take place in 2018

The district wide plan is seeking to meet an evidenced need of 11,119 houses through the 20 year plan period (2011 – 2031), In order to achieve this (in accordance with national planning policy) the City Council has identified a range of strategic green field sites in the district.

This includes the allocation of land at Hammerton Hall / Beaumont Hall for the delivery of approximately 700 new houses (as identified in Policies SG 9 of the Local Plan) and supporting infrastructure to facilitate growth in this area The allocation of this land is contained

with the Parish of Slyne-with-Hest and within the designation Neighbourhood Plan area and is therefore of relevance to this Neighbourhood Plan, however given the 'strategic' nature of the allocation made (i.e. 'strategic' in the sense that the scale of development proposed is critical to the Local Plan meeting its evidenced development needs) it is recognised by the Neighbourhood Plan that this is an allocation which must be pursued by the Local Plan process.



Strategic Development within the Parish – 1.

Development of this allocation will result in an increase in new homes within the Parish of Slyne-with-Hest which is welcomed and considered to be positive, however given the allocations positioning on the edge of the Parish, its stronger relationship with Lancaster (which is directly adjoins the allocation) and the positioning of the new Bay Gateway which

severs any new development from the wider parish it is recognised that the delivery of housing will not have a significantly positive contribution to meeting the local needs of the wider Parish. As a result the Neighbourhood Plan will seek to be positive and proactive in identifying opportunities for future growth which meets local aspirations.

Opportunities for input into the strategic development will still come via the preparation of the masterplan, the preparation of policy within the local plan and the expected pre-application consultation recommended to developers of the site.

Strategic Environmental Assessment/Habitats Directives

The Plan will require full Strategic Environment assessment and Habitat Regulations assessment

April 2015	Decision to apply for funds to develop the plan
June 2015	First Public meeting
July 2015	First steering group meeting
August 2015	Initial discussion about the vision and agreement to employment of consultant
September 2015	Formulation of official steering group
January 2016	Terms of reference written and adopted.
February 2016	Official consultation of Area of Designation
March 2016	Formal application of funding
April 2016	Formal approval of Area of Designation
April 2016	Appointment of Consultant
June 2016	£4530 Government grant funding awarded via Locality
Summer 2016	Stage One Consultation with community commenced
Autumn 2016	Vision and objectives adopted, writing of the Plan commenced.
2017	Continued research and development of plan including information day for the local community and Stage Two Consultation
April 2017	Second Government Grant £4470.
2018	Continued consultation and updates with the local community via coffee mornings
Winter 2018	SEA/HRA Screening commenced
Spring 2019	SEA/HRA Screening ongoing
Spring 2019	Further information sharing via coffee mornings with the local community
Summer 2019	SEA/HRA Completed
	Revision of Draft Plan
	Parish Council Approval of Draft Plan
September 2019	Regulation 14, 6 Week Consultation.
	Leaflet distributed to every household explaining how to access the draft plan.

