

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area 12 July 2016

Local Planning Authority: Preston City Council

Name of Neighbourhood Body: Grimsargh Parish Council

Neighbourhood Area: Grimsargh Parish area (see attached map)

Statement as agreed at the Parish Council meeting held on 7 July 2016

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

- Local residents have raised concerns about the scale and types of development in the village.
- It will allow residents to have a greater influence in the location of homes, shops, offices and community facilities and it will give Grimsargh the power to shape its future development and growth.
- It will provide a greater opportunity to influence local development and decisions and will facilitate a closer working relationship with Preston City Council, local businesses, developers and all those with a common interest in Grimsargh.
- It will help decide where our Community Infrastructure Levy is spent.
- It will protect and enhance our green spaces.
- It will define and secure our local heritage.
- It will provide an opportunity to strengthen and develop our policies to cover our area(s) of separation.

As the local Parish Council for Grimsargh 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

Grimsargh Parish Council has agreed to begin the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan will give us the power to shape our future and growth.

It will allow residents to have a powerful influence in determining where new homes, shops and community facilities should be built and what they should look like. Once “made” it forms part of the statutory development plan and is used by Preston City Council, as the Local Planning Authority, in making decisions on Planning Applications.

To formally start work on our Neighbourhood Plan we have applied to Preston City Council to get the Neighbourhood area designated. Grimsargh Parish Council has agreed that the designated area for our Neighbourhood Plan should be all the land within the current parish boundary. Preston City Council will publicise our application for a 6 week consultation period and then they will decide whether or not to designate the Neighbourhood area and publicise details of their decision.

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

After our area has been designated we will begin a period of consultation with Grimsargh residents because it is a plan which is shaped by the community and not just the Parish Council. We have set up a Working Group which is leading the process for developing our Neighbourhood Plan. The Working Group consists of representatives of the Parish Council and we can co-opt other representatives onto the Working Group such as those with particular skills and expertise and those with a genuine interest in the village. For further information on the Working Group please go to our Neighbourhood Plan section on this website. If you wish to be involved with the process then please contact our Clerk, Sue Whittam.