

Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) 1990

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012



Application for the Designation of a Neighbourhood Forum (Regulation 8)

A designated neighbourhood forum is an organisation or group empowered to lead the neighbourhood planning process in a neighbourhood area where there is no town or parish council.

A group or organisation must apply to the local planning authority to be designated as a neighbourhood forum. Those making a forum application must show how they have sought to comply with the conditions for neighbourhood forum designation as set out in [Section 61F\(5\) of the TCPA 1990](#).

This application form is intended to help you with your application and to ensure that you provide all necessary information required under [Regulation 8 of the Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012](#). You do not have to use this form but an application will need to include all information required under the Regulation 8.

If you require any further information, or would like to discuss your proposed forum application with the Council before you submit it, please contact the Council's Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Team at planning.policy@bury.gov.uk

1. Name of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum (Regulation 8a)

Proposed Forum name:	Prestwich Village Neighbourhood Forum
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2. Proposed neighbourhood Forum constitution (Regulation 8b)

Please attach a copy of the written constitution of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum. **Attached.**

3. Name of the proposed neighbourhood area to which the application relates (Regulation 8c)

Proposed Neighbourhood Area name:	Prestwich Village Forum Area
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Please attach a map (Ordnance Survey base at an appropriate scale) which clearly identifies (in red) the boundary of the Neighbourhood Area.

4. Contact details of at least one member of the proposed neighbourhood forum (Regulation 8d)	
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Please note that these details will be publicly available	

5. Statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood forum meets the conditions contained in Section 61F(5) of the TCPA1990 (Regulation 8e) i.e. that:

- (a) The organisation is established for the purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area;
- (b) The organisation's membership is open to individuals who live or work in the neighbourhood area concerned, or who are ward councillors whose ward (or part of their ward) falls within the neighbourhood area concerned;
- (c) The organisation's membership includes a minimum of 21 individuals; and
- (d) The organisation has a written constitution.

(NB - to address points (c) and (d) the statement can just refer to questions 5a and 2 of this application form).

a) The Forum is established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of an area that consists of or includes the neighbourhood area concerned (whether or not it is also established for the express purpose of promoting the carrying on of trades, professions or other businesses in such an area) as per our mission, aims and objectives as attached.

- b) See table completed within this form. Our membership exceeds the required minimum of 21 members and is rapidly growing, all of whom
 - (i) lives in the neighbourhood area concerned,
 - (ii) works there (whether for a business carried on there or otherwise),
 - (iii) is an elected member of a county council, district council or London borough council any of whose area falls within the neighbourhood area concerned.

Please note The forum meets regulation 5ciii) as per this link to the TCPA 1990 Act Section 61F [Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk) This states that with reference to point b above ..."is a an elected member of a county council, district council. Therefore any Bury Councillor can be a member of the 21 required forum members for designation.

c) See table completed within this form.

d) as attached

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

5a. Proposed neighbourhood forum members

Section 61F(5)(c) of the TCPA 1990 requires that membership of a neighbourhood forum must include a minimum of 21 individuals and that membership is open to individuals that live or work in the neighbourhood area concerned and elected Members for the area.

Section 61F(7)(ii) requires that this membership be drawn from different places in the neighbourhood area concerned and from different sections of the community in that area.

6. Intention of the proposed neighbourhood forum

Please specify which of the following you intend to undertake within the neighbourhood area. This is just indicative at this stage and you may change your mind in the future. You may indicate an intention to prepare any or all of the following (please tick)

Neighbourhood Development Plan	√
Neighbourhood Development Order	
Community Right to Build Order	

7. Additional information

Please include any additional information to support the application. This should include details of how the proposed neighbourhood forum:

- Has Secured, or taken reasonable steps to secure, membership from at least one individual falling within the categories set out in Section 61F(5)(b) of the TCPA 1990; and
- Has a purpose that reflects the character of the neighbourhood area (in general terms).

Bullet Point 1: The Forum was created in a meaningful way. A combination of local residents, community groups and businesses came together through a combined interest in the future of Prestwich Village and its growth. Initial meetings were held with Glebelands road neighbourhood watch area, incredible edible representatives, village greens representatives and local village businesses. A communication plan was then set up to secure membership from within the local area which included, the production of a leaflet and visits to local businesses residents affected by the Longfield redevelopment plans and the surrounding village area. Sufficient interest generated confirmed willing membership of a Neighbourhood Forum using the Localism Act 2011 powers to establish a formal stakeholder group to represent the community and the growth of Prestwich. As a result, a website was created at prestwichvillageneighbourhoodforum.org, and through various face to face and social media channels the common mission, aims and objectives were established with the group.

Bullet Point 2: the Forum wanted to reflect the character of the neighbourhood area and agreed the following purposes:

Economy

1. To sustain a thriving village centre with mixed use shopping and service provision, especially encouraging a range of independent retailers, offering goods and services to the local community and visitors.
2. To support a sustainable community that promotes employment creation across commercial retail and industrial sites using local contractors as far as possible.
3. To retain and improve on local retail and service provision including accessible community space and facilities, to encourage social interaction between all age groups and service providers.

Environment

1. To protect and enhance local open spaces and improve accessibility.
2. Ensure that any new development meets the highest standards of excellence with regards to sustainability and longevity of at least 50 years.

Education

1. To improve and extend the local educational facilities in line with future housing developments.
2. To ensure adequate education provision for local children of all ages and abilities.
3. To promote informal and social educational facilities for young people and adults.

Leisure

1. To secure the long-term future and improvement of existing community, leisure and cultural facilities for all ages, with particular regard to the reinstatement of facilities and events previously held at the Longfield centre.
2. To promote the provision of new facilities to address the future needs

Health and wellbeing

1. The provision of accessible health care with facilities for residents and visitors with disabilities, regarding expectations of the future population demographic.
2. To promote spaces which encourage activities and social interactions which contribute to general wellbeing.

Housing

- 1 To plan and deliver a range of housing mix, sizes and types that are integrated into the community, and which will provide for both current and predicted future needs of the area. The provision of affordable social housing should be a priority.
2. To protect and maintain the heritage assets and historic character by guiding development that is sympathetic with existing buildings and surroundings.
3. To promote principles of good design and high quality that supports the local context and locality

Infrastructure

1. To promote cycle networks and disabled accessible, pedestrian friendly pathways through and around the village.
2. To reduce the impact of road traffic pollution and on road parking on the local community by the provision of adequate free short term parking space to provide access to the village centre, and longer-term parking associated with public transport options, in accordance with the city wide connectivity aspirations.
3. To seek timely and effective maintenance of existing infrastructure

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

8. Declaration

I hereby apply for designation of a neighbourhood forum as described in this form and in the attached supporting documents.	
Signed	Andrea Turner
Date	9.1.23

Next steps

In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Publicising a neighbourhood forum application), Bury Council will, as soon as possible after receiving the application, publicise and invite comments on the application for a 6-week period.

Submitting the application form

Please submit this form, and attached documentation, by email to the Council’s Strategic Planning and Infrastructure team at planning.policy@bury.gov.uk.

Alternatively, please post the form and supporting documents to:

Strategic Planning and Infrastructure
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