

**Bacup and Stacksteads
Neighbourhood Forum**
c/o 2 Spring Bank House
Lodge Lane
Bacup
OL13 0BJ

11th March 2019

Chief Executive Officer

cc: Leader of the Council, Planning Manager

Rossendale Borough Council
Business Centre
Futures Park
Rossendale
OL13 0BB

Dear Mr Sugarman,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Designation of Bacup and Stacksteads Neighbourhood Forum & Area

In accordance with section 61G of the 1990 act and section 5C of the 2012 act I write to request that Bacup and Stacksteads neighbourhood forum be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum and the area of Bacup and Stacksteads (as detailed in the accompanying map) be designated as a Neighbourhood Area.

Name: Bacup and Stacksteads neighbourhood forum.

Area: Bacup, Stacksteads and surrounding area. (as detailed in the accompanying map)

Purpose: To create a Neighbourhood Development Plan. And to promote or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Bacup and Stacksteads area.

Contact: Phill Rawlins, Interim Chair. 2 Spring Bank House, Lodge Lane, Bacup.

Constitution: Attached.

Statement: The forum was established by more than 21 persons living and / or working in the proposed Bacup and Stacksteads area. For the purpose of promoting and improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Bacup and Stacksteads area, and specifically to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Bacup and Stacksteads neighbourhood forum was established at an open meeting on the 7th February 2019 at the Cornerstone, Bacup. 22 eligible persons from across the community within the proposed area of the forum voted in favour of establishing the forum, confirming and accepting the interim constitution, accepted the proposed area and appointed officers.

The proposed area has been selected to best represent the diverse nature and community of Bacup and Stacksteads. This includes a mix of residential, employment and town centre areas which

encompass the variety of housing, leisure, tourism, retail and business opportunities that can be positively developed and enhanced.

The forum looks to positively engage with the local community including residents, people working in the area, businesses & employers, landlords & developers, other local organisations and Rossendale Borough Council to help make improvements for the benefit of the community and develop an area plan.

Membership: As detailed in the constitution, there is an open and inclusive membership policy. The membership is made up of a wide cross section of the local community and is continuing to grow, we do invite all those eligible to join.

Information: www.bsnf.org.uk

A copy of the constitution is enclosed, including a map of the proposed area. A list of the founding members and current membership is available to Rossendale Borough Council for inspection if required.

I look forward to your response in due course.

Kind Regards

Phill Rawlins
Interim Chair – Bacup and Stacksteads neighbourhood forum

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15th September 2019

Responses to RBC re application for designation.

Dear Anne,

As per our email exchange, please see below responses to your queries:

5. (1) (a) Attached.

(b) The proposed area has been selected to best represent the diverse nature and community of Bacup and Stacksteads. This includes a mix of residential, employment and town centre areas which encompass the variety of housing, leisure, tourism, retail and business opportunities that can be positively developed and enhanced. After further consultation with RBC, this has been amended slightly to bring the boundaries to match the lower layer super output areas (LSOA) to facilitate definition of boundaries and data collection / reference for both BSNF & RBC and to offer clarity to residents.

(c) The forum was established by more than 21 persons living and / or working in the proposed Bacup and Stacksteads area. For the purpose of promoting and improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Bacup and Stacksteads area, and specifically to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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(b) Attached.

(c) Bacup and Stacksteads area. Map Attached.

(d) Phill Rawlins, Interim Chair. c/o 2 Spring Bank House, Lodge Lane, Bacup. OL13 0BJ

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(e) (b) As detailed in the constitution, there is an open and inclusive membership policy. The membership is made up of a wide cross section of the local community and is continuing to grow, we do invite all those eligible to join. Membership is open to all those listed in items i, ii & iii.

(e) (c) Membership includes members of the community from each item listed (i, ii & iii)

(e) (d) A written constitution has been adopted and is attached.

(e) (e) All conditions as per constitution.

Kind Regards

Phill Rawlins
Interim Chair - Bacup and Stacksteads neighbourhood forum