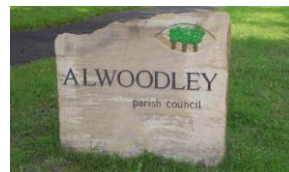


ALWOODLEY PARISH COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA



Prepared on behalf of Alwoodley Parish Council
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Introduction

Alwoodley, for the purposes of this application, is a civil parish created in 2008 within the City of Leeds. Some of the adjacent areas are commonly referred to as being in Alwoodley but do not form part of the civil parish. It lies some 5 miles north of the city centre on the northern edge of the West Yorkshire conurbation.

The parish is on a ridge between the valleys of the River Aire and River Wharfe. It is bounded by the suburbs of Adel and Bramhope to the west, Harrogate Road to the east, Moor Allerton to the south and Harewood parish to the north. The northern part of the parish is mixed farmland in the Green Belt in which Eccup Reservoir is situated. To the north of the parish is the Harewood Estate.

Moortown and Sandmoor golf courses lie within the parish together with part of Headingley golf course. There are several sports fields.

The site of a Roman road crosses the parish from West to East, from Ilkley to Tadcaster, close to Alwoodley Lane. Alwoodley Old Hall stood adjacent to the site of Eccup Reservoir in the present grounds of Sandmoor Golf Club. Built in the 17th century it was demolished in 1969.

Early on the 20th century Alwoodley became a leisure destination for Leeds inhabitants; before that it was an isolated agricultural community. Much of the suburban area was developed between 1920 and 1980 .

Leeds Country Way and two long distance footpaths, the Dales Way and the Ebor Way, cross or lie on the edge of the parish.

Objective

A Neighbourhood Plan for Alwoodley is being prepared by Alwoodley Parish Council with the help of volunteers from across the community. The Parish Council believes that this is an opportunity for the community to have some input into the future development of the parish. Local people will have the opportunity to help shape future policies for land use and the scale of development and what they should look like.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Alwoodley will cover the parish of Alwoodley and, subject to passing the formal tests, a local referendum and examination; it will become part of the local planning framework.

Statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area;

The parish of Alwoodley is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

- The proposed area boundary follows the existing parish boundary, which was created in 2008.

- The Alwoodley Parish Neighbourhood Plan is being developed to preserve and improve Alwoodley for the current and future generations;
- The Plan will provide a vehicle to guide, promote and sensitively manage balanced and sustainable change and growth, including design issues, within the designated area;
- The Plan will aim to preserve the character of Alwoodley Parish as an attractive area to live, work and play;
- The Plan will help to protect the environment and its leisure resources for the residents of Alwoodley Parish and the City of Leeds;
- It will enable the retention the green belt area in the North of the Parish for mixed farming and leisure pursuits as well as protecting the area around Eccup Reservoir for the resident and transient bird population;
- The plan will aim to sustain the needs of residents in the areas of housing, employment, education, health, leisure, recreation, sport and transport.

Statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

In accordance with Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the body making the application to designate Alwoodley as a neighbourhood area is a parish council established in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1972.

Map showing the Alwoodley Neighbourhood Area

