

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

**As amended by the Localism Act 2011, sch 9, part 1**

**The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012- Part 2 (5) – Application for Designation**

**Application Made by Hodsock Parish Council**

The Parish Council of Hodsock hereby applies for the designation of the following area to be the subject of a neighbourhood plan under the above regulations.

**Section 5 (1) (a) Application Area**

The Parish of Hodsock (see attached map)

**Section 5 (1) (b) Appropriate Area Statement**

The area is considered appropriate for the designation as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

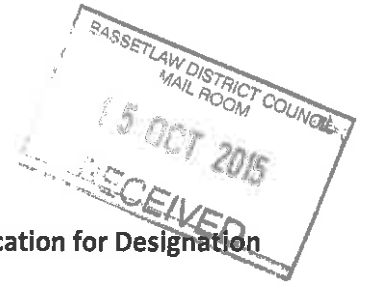
The Parish is a long established settlement formerly a thriving mining community. Langold village was built between 1923 and 1927 specifically to provide housing for the miners of Firbeck Colliery in Costhorpe. The housing is similar to other local mining communities, in the form of a 'Model Village'. Quite quickly shops and stalls started to appear in the village, making the village an attractive place to live. At its peak, in 1953, the mine employed a total of 1841 workers. Many of these were brought in from the coal mining areas of North East England. The mine closed on 31st December 1968. As in other ex- Community Profile coalfields communities, the colliery and its closure continues to have a significant impact on the lives of residents, e.g. ill health, 3rd generation unemployment in families, etc. Langold Lake and Country Park is situated on the south western edge of the village, adjoining Costhorpe, and is still popular for fishing and walking. In the 1950's and 60's the lake was used for swimming, boating and other community events, the lake being staffed by volunteer lifeguards. Since that time the facilities have become rundown and derelict. There is commitment by a local voluntary group, Friends of Langold Lake, to restore it to its former state and increase usage of this community resource. This is currently being supported by funding from the Big Lottery, District Council and other agencies.

**Section 5 (1) (C) Relevant Body Statement**

Hodsock Parish Council meets the criteria of a relevant body by virtue of satisfying the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011, Schedule 9, Part 1, Section 61G (2) (a).

Signed Parish Clerk .....  ..... Date 13/10/2015.....

Signed by Chairman .....  ..... Date 13/10/2015.....





## HODSOCK PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Hodsock Parish Council hereby submits an application to Bassetlaw District Council to carry out a neighbourhood plan for the Parish of Hodsock.

### Boundary

The boundary of Hodsock is shown on the attached map.

### Qualifying Body

The Parish Council of Hodsock is the qualifying body to carry out the Neighbourhood Plan.

### Why/What

The Parish Council considers that it would be advantageous for the residents of Hodsock to undergo this procedure to address the following issues:-

Greater involvement and influence over the future development of the Parish by engaging with our community and also having the benefit of professional advice from other authorities/bodies to gain as much benefit as we can from this initiative.

To investigate the provision and opportunity for greater employment and investment. This we feel will benefit the local economy and help address issues of high unemployment and crime which are a major factor in Langold.

There are already a couple of new developments within the village which are stretching the local facilities to their maximum and therefore there is a need for enhanced and increased facilities within the area.

### Facilities

We wish to see investigation into the provision of health/medical and educational facilities within Langold as there are an increasing number of residential properties within the area with little or no investment being made into expanding the local school or medical practice.

We wish to review the sporting/play and youth facilities within the area as there is very little for the youngsters of the area to do especially in the winter time. ASBO is high in Langold as youngsters have very little opportunity to try new activities or learn new skills.

### Environment

At the heart of Hodsock is Langold Lake which we would like to see brought back to its former glory by investigating the need to enhance play facilities, picnic areas, toilets, eating establishments and to provide more employment to local residents through community based projects.



We would also like to see a memorial to those who died and served at the old Firbeck colliery.


How will we communicate with our residents?

Regular public meetings

Public notices

Local newspapers.

Kind regards



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