

## **Introduction**

Haxby and Wigginton are situated 4 miles north of York. The two villages form the Haxby and Wigginton Ward of the City of York. As a result of extensive house building in the 1970s and 1980s the villages have coalesced into one community, with no distinguishable boundary between the two in the built-up area.

## **Appropriateness of Neighbourhood Plan Area**

The proposed Haxby and Wigginton Neighbourhood Plan area is that of the City of York Haxby and Wigginton Ward, comprising the parishes of Haxby and Wigginton, as marked in blue in the attached Appendix A.

Ideally the plan area would also include that part of New Earswick parish between the York Road railway crossing and the A1237 Northern ring road. The houses in this area are contiguous with those in Haxby and the Town Council has, as part of the ongoing Community Governance Review, been in discussion with City of York Council about transferring this area to Haxby. Including this section of York Road would allow access to the land to the east and west of the built up area to be taken into account in the preparation of the plan. However, as New Earswick Parish Council may be producing a their own neighbourhood plan in the future, and would wish their plan to follow the existing parish boundary, this part of New Earswick cannot be included in the plan area at this time.

Haxby Town Council and Wigginton Parish Council operate independently to represent the interests of all residents. The councils are statutory consultees for all planning applications in their area. The two councils have a history of successfully working together as equal partners in the ownership and management of the cemetery through the Haxby and Wigginton Cemetery Committee. Consultations carried out by both councils in 2015 indicate a strong desire for the production of a joint neighbourhood plan.

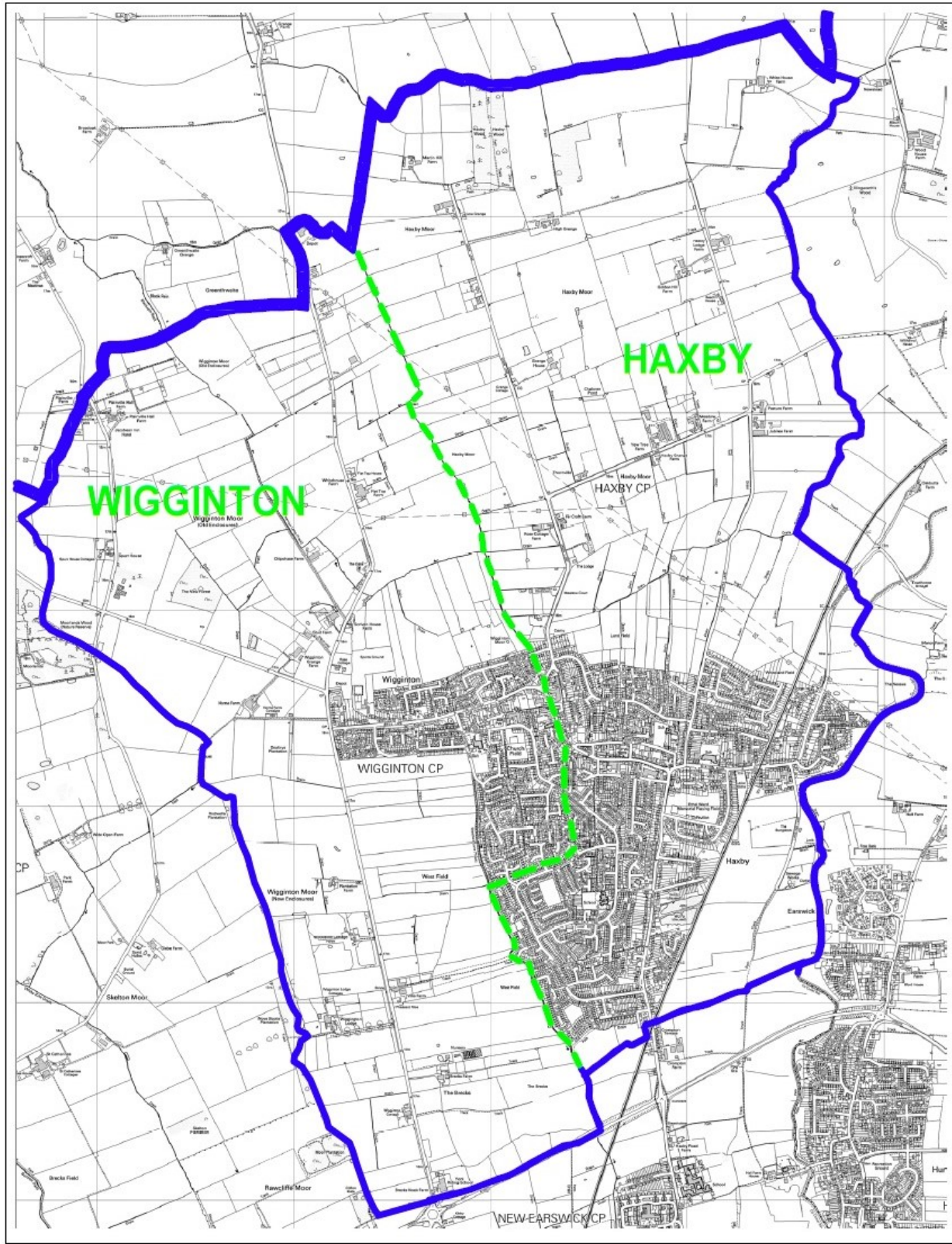
The councils manage many areas including Ethel Ward playing field and pavilion, Mancroft Park, the village greens and several open spaces. The councils give financial support to many village groups and organisations and keep residents informed through websites, social media, notice boards and quarterly newsletters.

## **Haxby Town Council as the Relevant Body**

Haxby Town Council and Wigginton Parish Council form the first tier of government in the parished area, and enjoy strong support of the local community. The two councils are equal partners in this application and for the purposes of this submission it has been agreed that the chairman of Haxby Town Council will act as the lead to the steering group which will include two councillors from each council. The two councils have considerable collective knowledge of their areas and an understanding of the land use opportunities and constraints and how these relate to the aspirations and concerns of the residents.

Haxby Town Council has been chosen as the relevant body, working with City of York Council, to produce the Haxby and Wigginton Neighbourhood Plan.

**APPENDIX A**



**HAXBY AND WIGGINTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA**