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# *Rufforth with Knapton Parish Council*

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## **RUFFORTH with KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Application to City of York Council For designation of Neighbourhood Plan Area**

#### **Introduction**

The Parish of Rufforth with Knapton is situated approximately 5 miles to the north west of the City of York. It consists of the villages of Rufforth and Knapton, the surrounding agricultural land along with the Waste Disposal site at Harewood Whin. The area that is the subject of the Neighbourhood Plan is the entire parish, and as such directly follows the parish boundaries. (Parish map enclosed).

#### **The Parish as an appropriate neighbourhood area.**

A public meeting held on Jan.10th to discuss the proposal to develop a Neighbourhood Plan was well attended by over 60 householders and strong support was forthcoming. The proposal has also been advertised by newsletter and the Parish magazine. Following the public meeting a group of 25 volunteers gathered, from which a core was agreed to develop the Plan. Responsible to the Parish Council, this core group is led by Peter Rollings with 7 others, including Anne Powell currently the Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Council and the Neighbourhood Plan group have considerable collective knowledge of the area. Both villages have produced Village Design Statements (Knapton 2006 and Rufforth 2005) and a Parish Plan (2009).

The Parish Council gives financial support to the Outreach Post Office in Rufforth and manages the Natural Burial Ground in the village, as well as the Parish garden, pond and Sand Dykes. In Knapton, the Council is responsible for the maintenance of the recreation ground... all valued amenities.

The Parish Council keeps its residents informed through notice boards, regular newsletters and its website.

#### **Rufforth with Knapton Parish Council as the relevant body**

The Parish Council is the statutory first tier of government in this parished area and enjoys strong support in the local community. The Council together with the Plan group, have a deep understanding of the area's planning opportunities and constraints. They know how these interact with the aspirations and concerns of the residents of the two villages in this parish.

It is anticipated that the Plan will cover a wide range of issues, including development opportunities, transport and traffic issues, amenities and the preservation of the rural character of the Parish.

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# Rufforth and Knapton Parish Boundary

