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REGULATION 14 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

28th February 2022 to 11th April 2022

This is the Regulation 14 version of the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Rawdon Parish, published for formal consultation. The consultation period will run from **Monday 28th February 2022 until Monday 11th April 2022**.

All comments must be received by 5pm on Monday 11th April 2022.

The Draft Plan, representation forms and other background documents are available for viewing and downloading from the Neighbourhood Plan website:

Hard copies of these document are available to view at: Rawdon Community Library

Micklefield Park, New Rd Side, Rawdon, Leeds LS19 6DD

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Drop In Event - There will be a drop in public consultation on Sunday 13th March 2pm - 4pm at: Greenacre Community Hall 55 New Rd Side, Rawdon, Leeds LS19 6DD. If you would like to comment or make representations on this document, please either respond via email or if in writing, using the representation form provided to:

Lis Moore, Clerk to Rawdon Parish Council 11 Lisker Avenue Otley West Yorkshire LS21 1DG.

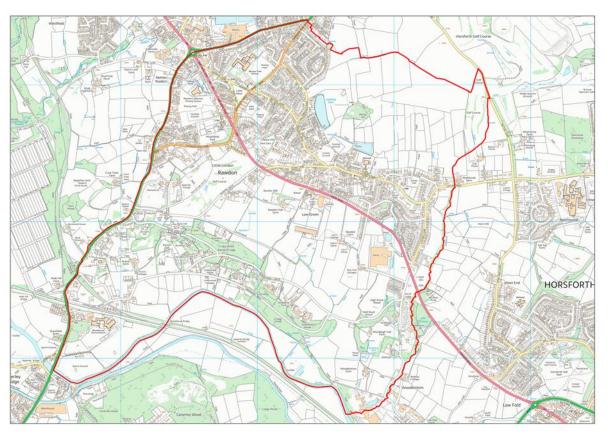
Comments can be submitted by e-mail to consultation@rawdonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Or online at www.rawdonparishcouncil.gov.uk

All comments received will be carefully considered by the Neighbourhood Plan working group and Parish Council and used to inform the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Submission plan will be submitted to Leeds City Council who will check it and then publish it for a further 6 weeks' formal public consultation. The Plan will then proceed to examination, and if it is considered to meet the required basic conditions (subject to any changes recommended by the examiner) it will be subjected to a local referendum.

Thank you for your time and interest.

1. Introduction and Background



Map 1 – Rawdon Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area

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- 1.1 Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) are a new type of planning policy document, prepared by Parish Councils (or in non-parished areas by a Neighbourhood Forum) to guide new development within a defined local area. They are used alongside local policies set by the Local Planning Authority (here, Leeds City Council) and national planning policy to help determine planning applications. Neighbourhood Development Plans are powerful tools and present significant opportunities for local people to have a real say in shaping development within their local area.
- 1.2 A Neighbourhood Development Plan can cover a range of planning related issues, or just have one, single policy. It is also worth noting that Neighbourhood Development Plans cannot address some strategic planning matters such as Minerals and Waste and Strategic Infrastructure Projects as these are dealt with by the local planning authority (Leeds City Council) and Central Government.
- 1.3 This Draft Plan has been prepared building on the responses to the Draft Policy Consultation in February 2017 and the informal public consultation in November 2019. (There has been some delay in the process as a result of

the Covid-19 pandemic.) It provides more detail about the identified planning issues relevant to Rawdon Neighbourhood Development Plan area and sets out draft planning policies to address these issues.

- 1.4 Neighbourhood Development Plans cannot be prepared in isolation and all Neighbourhood Development Plan planning policies and proposals have to be underpinned by a clear and robust evidence base of local opinion and technical resources.
- 1.5 Overall the Plan has to meet a set of "basic conditions" set out in national guidance and these will be tested through an examination at the end of the process. The basic conditions include the requirement that Neighbourhood Development Plans have to be in general conformity with strategic planning policies set out in the local planning authority's Local Plan. For the Rawdon Neighbourhood Development Plan policies, the strategic planning policies are set out in the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended by the Core Strategy Selective Review) (adopted in September 2019) thereafter referred to as the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) sets out the overall vision and planning strategy for development in the Leeds City Council area to 2028 and contains planning policies to ensure that new development addresses the economic, environmental and social needs of the area.
- 1.6 The Leeds Site Allocations Plan (adopted July 2019)² provides site allocations and requirements that will help to deliver the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) policies, ensuring that sufficient land is available in appropriate locations to meet the targets set out in the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) and achieve the Council's ambitions. It is therefore a key document in the Local Plan for Leeds in identifying specific allocations for development between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2028 (the Plan Period).
- 1.7 Neighbourhood Development Plans also are required to have regard to national planning policy (National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)³, revised on 20th July 2021, Planning Practice Guidance⁴ and other Ministerial statements and guidance) and to comply with Environmental Regulations.
- 1.8 Preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan is therefore a complex and lengthy process. The main steps are set out in Figure 1 overleaf.
- 1.9 Rawdon Parish Council decided to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish in March 2013 and applied to Leeds City Council for designation as a neighbourhood area. The application for designation was approved by the City Council on 3rd June 2013. The designated Neighbourhood Area is the same as the Parish Council Boundary and is shown on Map 1 above.

¹ <u>https://www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/adopted-local-plan/core-strategy-introduction</u>

² https://www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/adopted-local-plan/site-allocations-plan

³ https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2

⁴ <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance</u>

1.10 A steering group comprising of Parish Councillors and local residents was established to progress work on the Plan.

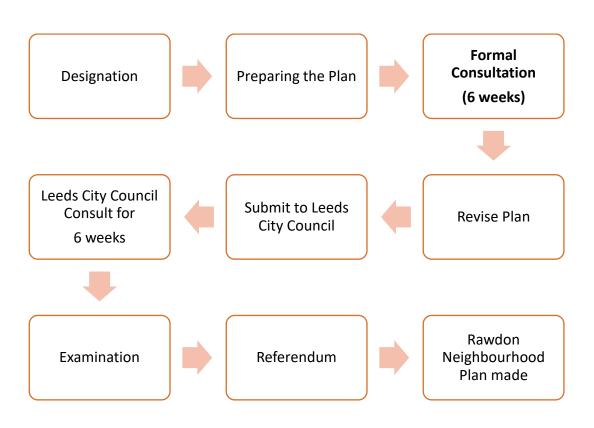


Figure 1 Neighbourhood Plan Process

- 1.11 Following this formal Regulation 14 consultation, we are proposing to consider all the responses, revise the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and then submit it to Leeds City Council who will check it and publish it for a further 6 weeks' consultation.
- 1.12 The Plan then will be examined by an independent Examiner who is likely to recommend further changes before the Plan is subjected to a local Referendum within the Neighbourhood Area. If there is a majority 'Yes' vote (50% of turnout + 1), the Plan will be made (adopted) by Leeds City Council and used to help determine planning applications alongside Leeds' own planning policies and national policy.
- 1.13 There are therefore several stages of public consultation and engagement throughout the process and the Plan can only be made if at the very end local people support it.
- 1.14 We hope to achieve all this and have a Neighbourhood Plan in place by the end of 2022 / early 2023.

2. A Spatial Portrait of Rawdon Parish



Rawdon from The Billing

- 2.1 The Civil Parish of Rawdon was established in 2012 with the formation of Rawdon Parish Council and is located in Leeds Metropolitan District. It lies about 8 miles northwest of Leeds and 6 miles northeast of Bradford city centres. Leeds - Bradford Airport is located about 2 miles to the northeast of Rawdon. The parish has an electorate of 5721 served by 9 councillors and a part time clerk at the Parish Council level. It is part of the Horsforth Ward and Guiseley and Rawdon Ward of Leeds City Council.
- 2.2 Rawdon is an historic village, which is defined by its green wooded hillsides and open countryside, with dry stone walls. It enjoys long-distance views across the Aire valley to Calverley and Bradford to the west. There are numerous streams and becks, and the area is scattered with historic weavers' cottages, in clusters of lanes and folds. Ghyll Beck is the geographical and naturally physical boundary between Rawdon and Horsforth. Residents value and appreciate the distinctive and separate village atmosphere of the community.
- 2.3 Old Rawdon is built along Town Street by St Peter's Church. It comprises stone-built houses of various types, ages and dimensions. Another area of Rawdon centres on the green next to the Harrogate Road. A large number of mature trees is a feature of this place. A further area is that part of Rawdon known as Little London below Micklefield Park. When it was being built in the 1830s so many buildings seemed to be under construction that the locals christened it London. As a consequence, the streets were named accordingly -

London Lane, London Square, Lombard Street. Handloom weavers worked in the second-floor rooms built with large windows designed to maximise available light. The area became known as Clattergate because of the constant noise of the shuttles.



Little London – London Lane and Apperley Lane

2.4 Between Little London and the River Aire are Cragg Woods. Here the wealthy of the nineteenth century who had made their fortunes in the Bradford woollen mills built themselves mansions of impressive proportions. Many still remain, hidden by trees away from the area's unmade roads, often converted into multiple dwellings or alternative uses. Despite these changes of use, and some peripheral residential development on former estate lands, the area retains its special character.



Buckstone Hall, Cragg Wood Conservation Area

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- 2.5 There are several sites of wildlife interest including the Rawdon Ponds (Rawdon Common Pond) Site of Ecological Importance and the Cragg Wood Local Wildlife Site.
- 2.6 There are a number of built heritage assets. As well as four Conservation Areas, at Cragg Wood, Littlemoor, Little London and Low Green, there are 32 Listed Buildings and a Scheduled Monument in the Parish. Grade II Rawdon Hall is dates back to at least 1625; it was built by George Rawdon and is located on Rawdon Hall Drive off Cliffe Lane. Subsequent residents were the Overend family who were early followers of the Quaker persuasion, Samuel Bingley a wealthy farmer, a Major Harris, Nathaniel Briggs and his descendants. It was requisitioned by the Army during the Second World War. Charlotte Bronte visited the Hall when she worked as a governess at nearby Upperwood House.
- 2.7 The cup and ring marked rock, 40 metres south-east of Hillcourt is a Scheduled Monument. The carving on this rock has survived well and forms an important part of the prehistoric landscape of the Aire Valley. The rock is one of several outliers from the main concentration of carved rocks on Rombalds Moor.
- 2.8 Religion has played a significant part in the life and development of Rawdon. The Parish Church (St Peter's) was established by the Layton family during the 17th century with the tower being added around 1704. There was further development and rebuilding of the church building during the 19th century. The churchyard contains several Commonwealth War Graves Commission burials. Both the Methodist and Baptist churches have a strong history within the village as evidenced by the number of churches that existed in the past and indeed John Wesley himself preached in Rawdon. These, along with the Congregational Church, amalgamated into Trinity Church in 1972. A Quaker meeting house has existed in the village since 1697.



Trinity Church

2.9 There are four schools within the civil parish of Rawdon. Two of them are primary schools – St Peter's Church of England Primary School and Rawdon Littlemoor Primary School. Benton Park School serves the village for pupils aged 11 to 18. Woodhouse Grove Independent School, founded in 1812 to educate the sons of Wesleyan minsters, together with its junior school, Bronte House, are also within the parish boundary. Charlotte Bronte at one time taught at the school. A nationally important Baptist Training College was opened in the village in 1859 but closed during the 1970s.



Benton Park School - new buildings replacing the old

- 2.10 There are a considerable number of small retail outlets in the village principally situated along Harrogate Road and Town Street. A number of larger employers, such as Airedale International, Emis and JCT 600 also have their main offices within the parish.
- 2.11 Micklefield House and gardens were purchased in 1930 by Rawdon UDC and the gardens subsequently became Micklefield Park. They had previously purchased the triangle of green space at Rawdon Littlemoor in 1897 to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. From 1937 to 1974 Micklefield House was the headquarters of Aireborough Borough Council.



Micklefield House, awaiting conversion

3. A Neighbourhood Development Plan for Rawdon

- 3.1 Work started on the Rawdon Neighbourhood Plan in June 2013. There have been a number of surveys, questionnaires and consultation events.
- 3.2 All public meetings were notified to all households via the Parish Council Newsletter 'Rawdon Matters' or by dedicated flyers. Surveys were hand delivered to all households by councillors and volunteers.

Community Consultation on Housing Development June 2013

- 3.3 A full survey of all sites in Rawdon identified by Leeds City Council as being potentially suitable for development was circulated to all households in Rawdon with reply paid facilities. There were 490 responses returned from 2400 copies circulated. The survey could also be completed online but the vast majority of responses were physical. The deadline for responses was 12th July 2013.
- 3.4 The survey also asked general questions about residents' attitude to development including any prerequisites to development that were felt to be necessary. A full summary of responses and an analysis is available on the parish council website.

Stall at Rawdon Summer Fun Day June 2013

- 3.5 Rawdon Summer Fun Day is a community event attended by thousands of residents with their families and is an ideal opportunity to informally consult a large number of residents.
- 3.6 Residents were not asked specific questions but were simply invited to discuss their views on potential development. The main themes emerging were that development should not use greenfield sites and development should not change the nature of Rawdon.

Stall at Rawdon at Christmas Event December 2013

- 3.7 Rawdon at Christmas was then a small event organised by shops with late night opening attracting several hundred residents.
- 3.8 Residents were not asked specific questions but were simply invited to discuss their views on potential development. In addition to the previously mentioned issues, the need to protect Rawdon Billing and its surroundings was raised. Ensuring no development that infrastructure could not cope with was also a common concern.

Public Meeting 9th April 2014

3.9 A well-attended meeting was held at Greenacre Hall. Ensuring building did not take place on Greenbelt was the main focus of comments.

Rawdon Summer Fun Day June 2014

- 3.10 A local knowledge quiz was used to engage people in discussion about development.
- 3.11 The requirement for Rawdon to maintain its nature and identity as a village was the most prominent sentiment. People did not favour development in general but felt that if it were to happen it should be controlled to reflect the village nature of Rawdon. A desire to protect the rural economy of the village also emerged.

Issues and Options Survey August 2014 "Neighbourhood Plan Community Consultation"

- 3.12 A survey was delivered to every household in Rawdon seeking views on a wide range of subjects. Replied paid facilities were included and the survey could also be filled in online.
- 3.13 There were 310 responses from 2400 surveys distributed
- 3.14 A full summary of responses and an analysis is available on the parish council website.

Question Time Public Meeting 4th September 2014

- 3.15 A public meeting was held at the Emmott Arms. Over 50 members of the public attended. The meeting was run in the format of BBC's Question Time. The panel consisted of Stuart Andrew MP, City Councillor Dawn Collins, Parish Councillor Neil Hunt and Kathryn Jukes from Directions Planning
- 3.16 The meeting sought to inform residents of the progress and potential for the neighbourhood plan and to seek their views on what it should include.
- 3.17 Strong themes started to emerge; protecting Rawdon's Village nature and identity; preserving green spaces, especially the Billing and Micklefield park; provision of retirement property for residents to downsize locally; nothing to happen without adequate infrastructure; building to be of high standards that match the more traditional architecture of the village; building to incorporate 'eco-friendly' features; preservation of the 'high street;' preservation of the rural economy; and preservation of the village's Conservation Areas.

Business Survey October 2014

3.18 A survey was sent to all businesses registered as operating in Rawdon. The response was not as good as the residents' surveys. A summary of responses will be available on the parish council website.

Rawdon at Christmas December 2014

3.19 Further informal consultation via the Parish Council Stall reinforced previous points and added the issue of parking within the village to use shops etc.

Feedback Public Meeting 12th December 2014

- 3.20 This meeting was held to provide residents with feedback on what views had been addressed by the various meetings and surveys.
- 3.21 Support for the conclusions was expressed with residents repeating many of the points already addressed.

Rawdon Summer Fun Day 2015

3.22 A display of our progress and the issues raised so far was used. Residents reinforced the main points that had already been identified. Concerns were emerging about the potential for an Airport link road and the effect it could have on the village (Planned routes would cross the field where the fun day is held).

Public Meeting 18th October 2015

3.23 Leeds' impending Site Allocation Plan was the main focus of this packed meeting and residents were very concerned by the apparent inclusion of Rawdon Greenbelt in the sites proposed for development by Leeds. Concerns were also raised about other green sites which were not actually in Greenbelt. The ability of schools and roads to cope was raised with a strong message that nothing should be built that infrastructure could not cope with.

Rawdon at Christmas December 2015

3.24 Further informal consultation via the Parish Council Stall reinforced previous points.

Public Meeting 31st January 2016

3.25 Residents had become focussed on the possibility of an Airport Link Road bordering Rawdon and its potential to damage the nature of the village and its identity. The identity of Rawdon as a distinctive semi-rural semi-suburban village separate from Leeds and especially Horsforth, Yeadon and Guiseley was strongly reinforced with the desire to preserve that.

Link Road Survey March 2016

3.26 The emergence of Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire combined authority had started to distract from the main focus of the plan. A survey was conducted to establish residents' feelings about a potential Link road and how they felt it would affect the village. Whilst the Neighbourhood Development plan would have little influence on the road it is included as it also reinforced the points previously established.

Rawdon Summer Fun Day June 2016

3.27 No new items were identified but the previous ones were reinforced.

Draft Policy Intentions Survey December 2016

- 3.28 Two copies of our draft policies document were circulated to every household with reply paid facilities. The survey outlined the policies we intended to include in the Neighbourhood Development Plan to address the requirements expressed by residents.
- 3.29 There were 367 responses to the surveys delivered to approximately 2400 households.
- 3.30 A summary of responses is available on the parish council website.
- 3.31 In general it strongly supported the policies and identified three local green spaces for special attention: Micklefield Park, Rawdon Billing and Littlemoor.
- 3.32 It also identified provision of parking in the village as a favoured use of CIL.
- 3.33 The results of this survey were used to amend the requirements and to instruct Kirkwells to assist the parish council in writing properly constructed policies to address the policy intentions detailed.

Rawdon at Christmas December 2016 / 2017 and 2018

3.34 This event has now grown significantly and is attended by far more people with estimates of over 3000. The Parish Council Stall has been used to continue informal consultation whilst the Plan is developed against the background of Leeds City Council's emerging Site Allocation Plan pending its delayed adoption. No new issues have arisen, but the existing ones are consistently reinforced.

Rawdon Summer Fun Day 2017 and 2018

3.35 The Parish Council stall has been used to continue informal consultation with a large number of residents with the established points being strongly supported.

Consultation with Young People

3.36 Children and Young people have been encouraged to take part – especially at the public events. They have been encouraged to take part using the same surveys distributed to households. The covers of the Neighbourhood Development Plan were designed by pupils in a competition open to all Rawdon schools.

3.37 Additional points raised by young people have centred on youth/children's leisure facilities.

Informal consultation November 2019

- 3.38 The draft plan was published for informal consultation in November 2019. A copy was posted to every household, with a questionnaire attached.
- 3.39 The views on the vision, and aims of the Neighbourhood Development Plan were sought, in addition to the individual paragraphs within the proposed policies. There were 171 responses to the consultation, with the majority of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing with the proposed policies.
- 3.40 There was also a section to make any suggestions for improvements to the Neighbourhood Plan. There were many suggestions relating to issues such as public transport, congestion and other issues that the Neighbourhood Plan cannot address.
- 3.41 Overall the responses were very positive. The full responses are available on the parish council website.

4. Key issues, Draft Vision and Objectives

- 4.1 The views expressed by local residents from surveys, questionnaires and at the various consultation events particularly reflected the potential impact of additional housing on the local environment, the local landscape, green spaces, facilities, services and community identity.
- 4.2 It is also recognised that some issues were raised that were considered important to members of the community, but which are not "land use planning" matters. Such matters included design of street furniture, litter and dog mess and parking. Whilst they cannot be addressed through the Plan, the Plan process seeks to ensure that they are addressed through the appropriate channels.
- 4.3 The Plan therefore has both **Policies** which will become part of the planning process and **'Parish Council Actions'** which guide the current and future members of the Parish Council to help it fulfil the aims of the community.
- 4.4 The policy intentions questions identified the following as key issues

Key issues identified



4.5 **Preserving Character, Village Identity and Heritage**

Woodlands Drive, Cragg Wood Conservation Area

• A strong desire to retain Rawdon as a small village with its traditional ambiance and in particular to preserve and protect its green spaces and retain its important assets such as the twin centres of Harrogate Road & Town Street, historic buildings, open spaces, wild-life corridors and conservation areas. Rawdon Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan – February 2022

- The need to protect the viability of the shops and services throughout the village, whilst preserving and enhancing its appearance
- The need to protect and add to its conservation areas which are fundamental to the village 'feel'.

4.6 **Protecting the Countryside**



Farmland in Cragg Wood Conservation Area, next to the River Aire

- There is an overwhelming desire to preserve existing farmland, publicly accessible open spaces and green spaces in and surrounding the village
- To maintain and protect the Areas of Separation which separate the village from neighbouring communities.
- To ensure that any new developments maintain public rights of way and also to improve footpath networks to provide access to the surrounding countryside.
- To protect and improve the existing natural wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors.

4.7 Managing Housing Character:

• The community expressed through the consultation process a desire to maintain and enhance the diverse nature of housing stock in Rawdon whilst maintaining high construction and environmental standards.

4.8 **Promoting Local Economy and Jobs**

The Princess Public House

- The need to protect jobs in the retail and service sectors centred on Harrogate Road and Town Street
- The desire to protect and increase jobs in small businesses in the village
- The need to protect farming within the village boundaries.

4.9 Rural Economy

• Farming activities in and around the village were identified as being important to both the economy and nature of the village.

4.10 Improving the Infrastructure



Rawdon Community Library

• Public transport services to shopping and other nearby amenities such as Rawdon Community Library are fragmented or non-existent. As a result, the vast majority of journeys are made by private car.

- There is a lack of car parking facilities in the village to serve the schools, shopping areas, businesses and other amenities.
- More speed reduction measures are required throughout the village.
- The need for connected walking routes to service the schools.

4.11 Community Well-Being

- Access to formal and informal leisure facilities within the village should be improved.
- Facilities and opportunities for young people within the village should be improved.
- The need to accommodate growing pupil numbers through expansion of existing schools
- The need to preserve community facilities such as Micklefield Park, Jubilee Hall, Rawdon Community Library etc.



Jubilee Hall

4.12 Managing Housing Supply

• The need to manage the location and rate of housing growth within Rawdon to ensure that the village's infrastructure such as medical facilities, schools and highways are able to cope.

Vision and Aims

4.13 The draft vision and aims for the Rawdon Neighbourhood Development Plan have been prepared taking into consideration the results and the key issues generated by the community surveys and consultation events.

Vision for Rawdon

Rawdon identifies itself as a Village with a semi-rural, semi-suburban nature. Rawdon is a distinct community within the outer suburbs of the City of Leeds. Rawdon consists of a mixture of residential housing and also encompasses large rural areas as well as business and farming activities which combine to define its unique nature.

Over the Plan period, Rawdon will continue to be a distinctive semi-rural, semi-suburban village, whilst evolving in a way that respects and reflects the views of the community. It will retain its distinctive character of a village, largely physically separate from nearby communities. It will continue to consist of a wide mixture of residential properties alongside large open areas of mixed farming and woodlands which also contain more isolated small pockets of residential property. There will be a range of community facilities, businesses and farms that will prosper within an attractive environment. Current and future generations will enjoy a strong sense of community, a high quality of life, and a flourishing natural environment.

4.14 The Aims for Rawdon have been identified through engagement with the community and the plan will reflect their wishes by having the following at its core:

Neighbourhood Plan Aims

Preserving Character and Heritage

1. To support the preservation and enhancement of the character and heritage of Rawdon.

Protecting the Countryside

2. To support the preservation and enhancement of the open countryside setting within Rawdon and the areas of countryside which separate it from adjacent communities. This will also include green spaces, wildlife areas and amenity land.

Managing Housing Character

3. To support and guide housing development so that it reflects and enhances the character of the village.

- 4. To ensure such housing is built to high standards and are resource and energy efficient.
- 5. To ensure the character of the conservation areas within Rawdon are conserved and enhanced and development incorporates suitable materials and sympathetic designs.

Promoting Local Economy and Jobs

6. To promote a thriving local economy to ensure that jobs and enterprise opportunities are available for local people of all ages, enabling the community to maintain both its village centres centred on Harrogate Road and Town Street.

Rural Economy

7. To support opportunities to enable farming to thrive.

Improving the Infrastructure

- 8. To support sustainable infrastructure which meets the needs of Rawdon to improve local sustainability.
- 9. To support measures that improve the accessibility of schools and other amenities by non-motorised means of transport and by public transport where necessary.

Community and Well-Being

10. To protect and maintain existing community amenities, buildings, facilities and services throughout Rawdon. New services and facilities to be provided as appropriate in the future.

Managing Housing Supply

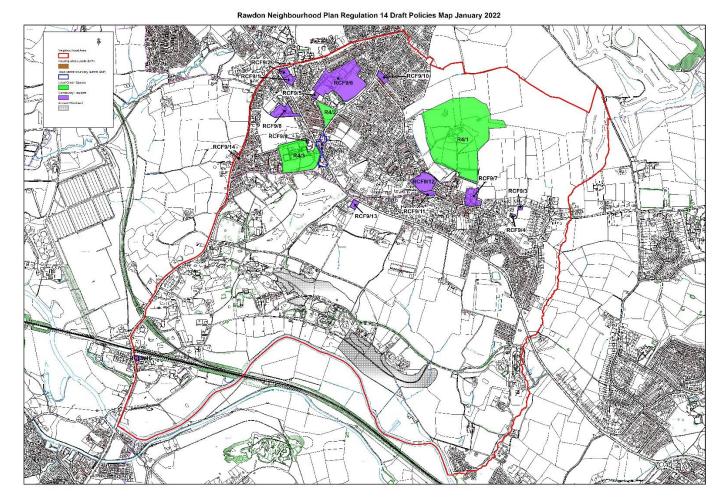
- 11. The Rawdon Plan housing policies are designed to provide a framework which will enable the parish of Rawdon only to grow at a sustainable rate which will satisfy the identified future local housing need during the Plan period.
- 12. As the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) sets the agenda for housing numbers and growth, and the Leeds Site Allocations Plan allocates the sites, the Neighbourhood Development Plan does not attempt to set an appropriate level of future housing or employment growth or identify specific sites to accommodate future growth. It does, however, include an analysis of future housing need in the form of the Rawdon Housing Market Assessment (November 2014) which should inform decisions to be made by others. The Rawdon Neighbourhood Development Plan focuses on how any new development will be managed, preferring to rely primarily on existing permissions and future windfall proposals on sustainable sites to cater for future needs.

5.0 Neighbourhood Plan Policies

- 5.0.1 This section sets out the planning policies of the Draft Rawdon Neighbourhood Development Plan. These will be used to help determine planning applications in the neighbourhood area and so shape the future of the Parish as a place to live and work in, and to visit. The Draft Policies have been prepared by the steering group on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 5.0.2 Neighbourhood Plans are required to be in general conformity with national and local planning policies. The Draft Policies have been prepared taking account of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and local planning policies including the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019), the adopted Leeds Natural Resources and Waste Local Plan, 2013 and the Leeds Site Allocations Plan (adopted July 2019).
- 5.0.3 Further information about 10 the relevant aspects of these policies in relation to the Rawdon Draft Neighbourhood Plan can be found in the published background document Planning Policy Assessment and Evidence Base Review provided on the Neighbourhood Plan website.



View from The Billing towards Larkfield Dam



Map 2 - Rawdon NDP Policies Map

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5.1 Housing and Population

New terraced housing

5.1.1 Spatial Policy 1 of the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) states that most development will be located in the Main Leeds Urban Area and Major Settlements with smaller settlements contributing to development needs, having regard to the settlement's size, function and sustainability. Parts of the Rawdon neighbourhood area fall within the Major Settlement category (being identified as part of Guiseley/Rawdon/Yeadon).

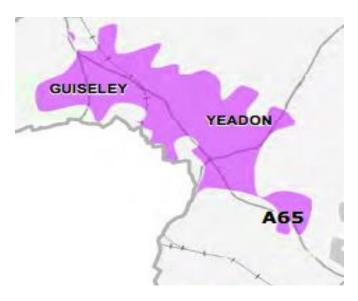


Figure 1 - Extract from Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) Map 3: Settlement Hierarchy showing the Guiseley/Yeadon/Rawdon Major Settlement

5.1.2 Under Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) Spatial Policy 7, the distribution of housing land and allocations is not only based on the Leeds settlement hierarchy but also on Housing Market Characteristic Area. Rawdon falls within the Aireborough Housing Market Character Area.

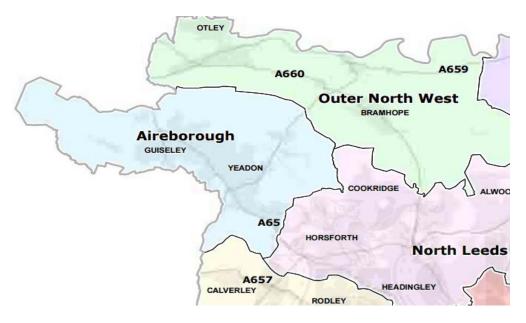


Figure 2 - Extract from Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) Map 7: Housing Market Character Areas

- 5.1.3 The housing requirement for this housing market character area has been assessed by Leeds City Council through the production of the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019). The Core Strategy gives a housing target of 51,952 dwellings between 2017 and 2033 with a target of 3% in the Aireborough Housing Market Character Area.
- 5.1.4 The sites allocated by the Leeds Site Allocations Plan are as follows:
 - HG2-11(12) Larkfield Drive (off) Ivy House (adjacent), Rawdon capacity 6 dwellings
- 5.1.5 In addition, there are two sites identified in Annex 1 of the Leeds Site Allocations Plan which have planning permission, or it has expired, but are included in the required target for the housing market area. These are:
 - HG1-13 26-28 New Road Side, Rawdon (5 dwellings)
 - HG1-14 Batter Lane Rawdon (4 dwellings)
- 5.1.6 There are no further sites allocated for housing within Rawdon Parish.⁵

⁵ Following a High Court Challenge on the Site Allocations Plan Leeds Council have proposed that 37 green belt sites be deleted from the Plan. To that end, the council published main modifications for consultation in early 2021 to delete the 37 sites as housing and mixed-use allocations from the Plan – see https://www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/adopted-local-plan/site-allocations-plan/consultation

- 5.1.7 The community considers that the Parish is affected by a lack of starter and retirement homes as many local people on lower incomes, including young people, find it difficult to afford housing within their own community where there are existing informal support networks linked to family and friends.
- 5.1.8 The Local Housing Market Assessment for Rawdon (2017)⁶ indicates that Rawdon has a small but high value rental market. There is a very small stock of social rented housing in Rawdon, and households with a general housing need are having difficulties in securing affordable rented housing in Rawdon. Although this is a few years old the Parish Council considers that the findings are still likely to be relevant because there has not been a major change in housing provision or the makeup of the population in the intervening period.
- 5.1.9 Affordable housing levels are set out in Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) which identifies a minimum target of 35% of affordable homes in Zone 1 (within which Rawdon lies) in developments of 10 or more dwellings (Policy H5).
- 5.1.10 Site HG2-11 located off Larkfield Drive is identified through Leeds Site Allocations Plan as a site which is particularly suitable for older persons housing/ independent living through Policy HG4.
- 5.1.11 The Rawdon HMA (2017) shows that there is a need in the Parish for:
 - Smaller housing units for sale aimed at older households seeking to downsize, housing appropriate for young couples and other starter households, as well as for those households seeking to 'trade up' (see paragraph 6.5, p26)
 - Non-sheltered rented and owner-occupied options for older single people or couples seeking to leave family housing in the social rented sector (see paragraph 6.7, p26).
 - Some extra-care housing provision to meet the needs of the relatively high proportion of over 85-year-olds (see paragraph 5.4.4 p25).
- 5.1.12 Policy H8 sets out the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) policy for delivering housing for independent living. This sets out: "Developments of 50 or more dwellings are expected to make a contribution to supporting needs for Independent Living. Very large-scale development will have potential to provide sheltered schemes, as part of a wide housing mix. Smaller developments may contribute in other ways, including provision of bungalows or level access flats.

Sheltered and other housing schemes aimed at elderly or disabled people should be located within easy walking distance of town or local centres or have good access to a range of local community facilities. LDF Allocations Documents should seek to identify land which would be particularly appropriate for sheltered or other housing aimed at elderly or disabled people."

⁶ Local Housing Market Assessment for Rawdon, CHY, February 2017 <u>www.rawdonparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>

5.1.13 Additional relevant Leeds Core Strategy (2019) policies include:

Policy H9: Minimum space standards for new development Policy H10 Accessible Housing Standards.

- 5.1.14 Policy H9 sets a minimum internal space standard for new dwellings and Policy H10 sets percentages and standards for accessible and adaptable dwellings and wheelchair user dwellings.
- 5.1.15 Consultation undertaken with the community in February 2017 showed that the community felt that developers should be required to provide retirement housing and sheltered retirement accommodation. Many respondents considered that these requirements would release housing for families in the area. 'Affordable housing' is viewed by the community not only as housing at an affordable rent, but also as market housing which can be afforded.

Draft Policy R1 Meeting Local Housing Needs	
New housing developments in Rawdon will only be supported where house types, sizes and tenures meet identified local needs.	
In particular development will be supported where it provides one or more of the following house types and sizes:	
 Smaller housing units for sale suitable for older households seeking to downsize; Non-sheltered rented and owner-occupied options for older single people or couples seeking to leave family housing in the social rented sector; Extra-care housing provision to meet the needs of the relatively high proportion of over 85-year-olds. 	

Developers should demonstrate how these local housing needs have been taken into consideration in their proposals.

5.2 Design



Converted stables at Micklefield Park

- 5.2.1 "The creation of high quality, beautiful and sustainable buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities." (NPPF 2021, paragraph 126). It is important to plan positively for the achievement of high quality and inclusive design for all development, including individual buildings, public and private spaces and wider area development schemes.
- 5.2.2 Paragraph 127 of the NPPF (2021) states: "Plans should, at the most appropriate level, set out a clear design vision and expectations, so that applicants have as much certainty as possible about what is likely to be acceptable. Design policies should be developed with local communities so they reflect local aspirations, and are grounded in an understanding and evaluation of each area's defining characteristics. Neighbourhood planning groups can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development, both through their own plans and by engaging in the production of design policy, guidance and codes by local planning authorities and developers."
- 5.2.3 Policy P10 of the adopted Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) reflects this advice in setting out a number of principles that must be met by new development proposals in order to deliver high quality inclusive design. Developments should respect and enhance existing landscapes, waterscapes, streets, spaces, and buildings that reflect local distinctiveness and the wider setting of the place with the intention of contributing positively to place making, quality of life and well-being.
- 5.2.4 Community consultation revealed that most residents felt that a mixture of materials and methods should be used in new buildings which should be sympathetic to their immediate surroundings. Designing out crime and antisocial behaviour was the greatest concern of residents, followed closely by street furniture and the street scene, then shop frontages and signage.

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- 5.2.5 In his 2012 novel "Watching the Dark", Peter Robinson describes Rawdon in the following sentence: "There was quite mix of housing in the area, he had noticed, trying to find his way after SatNav had given up. Bungalows rubbed shoulders with brick terraces and they in turn stood alongside detached and semi-detached houses with lower halves of exposed stone and upper halves fake Tudor, dark beams and white stucco."
- 5.2.6 The description only touches on the nature of Rawdon's architecture. The terraces in Rawdon though are stone and the mock Tudor houses described so few that a Rawdon resident could easily discern the route the author took in doing his research. The description starts to convey the range of styles that can be found here. It does not however, paint a full picture.



'Mock Tudor' Style housing

5.2.7 Rawdon encompasses old and new alike. From the 16th Century Layton Hall opposite St Peter's Church to the former mansions of the industrial revolution mill owners in the sparsely populated Cragg Wood conservation area, history is present in abundance. Stone terraces once occupied by mill workers abound as do Victorian stone villas. There are converted mills, and a converted school. Bungalows can be found in certain areas as can semi-detached and detached housing. There is even a new build stone terrace laid out to mimic its more ancient neighbours. Photographs provided in Appendix 3 illustrate the diverse range of materials and styles present in buildings in different areas of Rawdon.



Headquarters of JCT600 Group, Apperley Lane

- 5.2.8 Rawdon residents wish to maintain its identity and it would be easy to assume that with such a mix of architecture there is not a coherent 'identity' to retain. But that is not the case. The various styles combine to give Rawdon its identity. Pockets of unique architecture exist across the village, each easily identifiable to a resident and each appropriate to its setting.
- 5.2.9 Because of this mix it is not possible to describe a style of architecture suitable for Rawdon. Different architectural styles and designs will be appropriate for different parts of Rawdon. Whilst traditional stone construction under slate or stone roofs would fit in almost anywhere, modern brick houses would not be appropriate in every setting.



Quaker Cottage and Meeting Hall Entrance

5.2.10 NDP Policy R2 is designed to convey that designs should reflect either the architecture of the highest standard or the dominant architecture found in their immediate settings. Development should be sensitive to the local context and character of the area. Designs should provide visual interest and outside conservation areas, modern interpretations rather than a 'pastiche' of traditional styles may be acceptable.



Stone terraces off Littlemoor

Draft Policy R2 Design Guidelines for New Development Proposals for new development will only be supported, if: 1. New development is designed sensitively to respond to the setting of the site and reflects the character of the different areas of Rawdon. 2. Sites have suitable access to pedestrian and / or cycle routes linking to existing local community facilities and public transport networks. 3. The impacts of additional traffic from development proposals on existing roads have been carefully considered and suitable measures are proposed to encourage appropriate traffic speeds and considerate driver behaviours. 4. Adequate car parking is provided on site. 5. New buildings and conversions support a visual and physical connection with their context though use of traditional local materials (see Appendix 3), with preference given to materials that reflect Rawdon's historical character and built heritage. 6. Development does not result in the loss of an area which makes a significant contribution to public amenity by virtue of its open space character, appearance and function. 7. Any new residential development is of a design that minimises opportunities for crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour proportionate to the scale of the development, reflecting 'Secured by Design' principles⁷ and any guidance subsequently produced⁸. 8. Shop frontages are of traditional design (see Appendix 3). In addition, development is encouraged to be energy efficient and to incorporate principles of sustainable design (see Appendix 4). Imaginative schemes that incorporate garden areas will also be supported. **Parish Council Action 1**

The Parish Council will work with and encourage providers of street furniture to use traditional style lampposts, railings, bins, benches etc.

⁷ See <u>https://www.securedbydesign.com/</u>

⁸ See Designing for Community Safety: A Residential Design Guide SPD <u>https://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/FPI_DCS_001%20Community%20Safety%20SPD.pdf</u>

5.3 Environment



Micklefield Park

- 5.3.1 The NDP aims to improve and protect the unique qualities of the Parish, including local habitats and natural areas, as well as man-made buildings and structures which together shape the rural character of the Parish. The policies in this section aim to protect these local natural environments for future generations of Rawdon people.
- 5.3.2 There are several areas of green spaces within the village which are highly valued by residents for their aesthetic qualities, recreational value and their contribution to biodiversity. Opportunities exist to protect and enhance Rawdon's environmentally important green spaces in different ways. The overall aim will be for Rawdon to stay an attractive, environmentally friendly and sustainable place to live and work.

Local Biodiversity

- 5.3.3 The following sites of biodiversity/geodiversity interest in Rawdon are identified on the Leeds Local Plan Policies Map⁹:
 - Rawdon Ponds Site of Ecological Importance and
 - Cragg Wood Local Wildlife Site.
- 5.3.4 Rawdon Greenbelt Action Group Response to Leeds City Council SAP (November 2015) describes the areas of importance for wildlife in Rawdon in some detail.
- 5.3.5 Policy G8 in the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) protects important species and habitats and Policy G9 covers biodiversity improvements. Development is required to demonstrate that there will be an overall net gain for biodiversity commensurate with the scale of the development, including a positive contribution to the habitat network through habitat protection, creation and enhancement, and that the design of new development, including

⁹ <u>https://www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/policies-maps/policies-gridmap</u>

landscape, enhances existing wildlife habitats and provides new areas and opportunities for wildlife.

Draft Policy R3 Protecting and Enhancing Natural Biodiversity Assets

Proposals to enhance the local biodiversity of Rawdon will be supported. Where appropriate developments should demonstrate how the following wildlife enhancements have been taken into consideration:

- 1. Provision of gardens in all new building proposals, including communal developments.
- 2. Ensuring that the biodiversity of areas of high ecological value are protected and enhanced.
- 3. Establishing new and maintaining existing wildlife corridors.

Areas of high ecological value and wildlife corridors are identified and shown on Policies Maps, Map 16 Strategic Green Infrastructure, Map 17 Leeds Woodland Sites Above 2 Hectares and Map 18 Leeds Habitat Network of the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019).

Local Green Spaces

- 5.3.6 There are several areas of green space identified by the community as being special. These include Micklefield Park, The Billing, and Littlemoor.
- 5.3.7 Whilst areas of open space and land of environmental value have always been identified by Leeds City Council, designation as a local green space is something different. Introduced by central government in 2012 the designation focusses on the importance of identified areas to their local community. Importantly national planning policy makes it clear that this designation should be consistent with wider planning policy for an area and should look to complement investment in the provision of new homes and employment opportunities and other essential services. It should not be means to stop these wider development needs.
- 5.3.8 Many of the open spaces were identified through the Leeds Unitary Development Plan and have been carried forward into the Leeds Site Allocations Plan. The Council has not designated areas of green spaces that are below 0.2 ha in size. Through Neighbourhood Plans, open spaces (including smaller areas) can be further protected as Local Green Space if they are in accordance with the criteria specified in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Policy Background

- 5.3.9 In March 2012 the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), introduced a new Local Green Space designation. This has been retained within the revised NPPF (July 2021). This designation allows local communities, through the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan process, to identify areas of local green space which are important to them and which should be afforded special protection.
- 5.3.10 The NPPF makes clear that the designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or areas of open space.
- 5.3.11 Paragraphs 101 to 103 of the revised NPPF state as follows:

"101. The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

102. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and

c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

103. Policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for Green Belts."

5.3.12 Planning policy at a local level is established in the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019), and the Leeds Site Allocations Plan. The Core Strategy sets out the strategic policy in relation to open space (Policy G6) and the Leeds Site Allocations Plan identifies the areas that will be protected through this policy.

5.3.13 Policy G6 of the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) states as follows:

Green space (including open space and pedestrian routes in the City Centre) will be protected from development unless one of the following criteria is met:

I. There is an adequate supply of accessible green space/open space within the analysis area and the development site offers no potential for use as an alternative deficient open space type, as illustrated in the Leeds Open Space, Sport and Recreation Assessment; or

- *II.* The green space/open space is replaced by an area of at least equal size, accessibility and quality in the same locality; or
- *III.* Where supported by evidence and in the delivery of wider planning benefits, redevelopment proposals demonstrate a clear relationship to improvements of existing green space quality in the same locality.
- 5.3.14 Appendix 1 includes a list of all green/open spaces in Rawdon as protected through existing policies of the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) and Site Allocations Plan.
- 5.3.15 This Neighbourhood Plan proposes to add a further level of protection to three green spaces in the parish: The Billing, Littlemoor and Micklefield Park.



The Billing

View from The Billing towards St Peters Church

The Billing is the iconic landmark of the village and can be seen from some distance in any direction. The hill itself is 231 metres (758 feet) in elevation and the trigonometry point is adjacent to the crown of the hill. On a clear day it is possible to see many landmarks including York Minster from the top of the hill. The footpaths of the Billing and the fields surrounding it are well used by local residents. The boundaries of the Billing are defined as the crown of the hill and the surrounding fields.

Historically the Billing is an important site. The remains of a quarry, as well as concrete foundations for World War II defensive installations (gun

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emplacements to protect Yeadon aerodrome and the Avro factory), can be found near the top. In 1778, a gold torc was found on the Billing. There is a reference to the torc in Rev. Dr. T.D. Whitaker's² 'Leodis in Elmete' (1816): "On the lofty ridge of Billing, which yet retains its British name, was found about the year 1780 a valuable relic of British Antiquity; this was a torque of pure and flexible gold, perfectly plain and consisting of two rods not quite cylindrical but growing thinner towards the extremities and twisted together. Its intrinsic value was £18.0.0 sterling. It was claimed by the Lord of the Manor."

The whereabouts of the artefact is unknown although local reputation states that it is the British Museum.

Though sparse, there is evidence of coal on the Billing; however, though it was used previously as a quarry, there is no sign of mining.

Rawdon never had its own waterworks and Old Rawdon drew its water from the dam at the foot of the Billing, built by the Emmott Estate about 1858.



The Billing from Larkfield Dam

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The Billing from Billing Dam

Littlemoor



Littlemoor from the WWI Memorial Stone

Littlemoor is the triangle of grass land, bordered by well established trees, having Harrogate Road, Quakers Lane and Park Road as its boundaries. This public space was originally named Victoria Park but was renamed Jubilee Park in celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Gas lights were installed around the boundary as were seats and railings. The land later became known as Littlemoor. The Centenary Stone and Garden commemorating the centenary of the First World War are situated on Littlemoor. Littlemoor is Common Land.

Micklefield Park



Micklefield Park Play Area

Micklefield Park is the park for Rawdon and is owned by Leeds City Council. It is bounded by New Road Side, Micklefield Lane, Little London and Low Fold. It is thought that the first dwelling on this site was a farmhouse belonging to the Marshall family, built about 1616. They built a new and much larger house there in 1662, which was then rebuilt by William White in the early 1800s. Micklefield House has considerable historical interest as JV Godwin, Mayor of Bradford lived there until 1870 when he sold it to Thomas Arton a prominent Bradford woollen merchant, who improved the building and built the west wing. The family remained there until 1918.

In 1930 Rawdon UDC purchased the house and parkland (now Micklefield Park) for £4,500, from the then owner John A Rhodes of Spring Head Mill, Guiseley for use as their Council offices,

In April 1937 when Rawdon merged with Yeadon and Guiseley to form Aireborough UDC the new Council's offices were located here.

Following local government reorganisation Leeds City Council retained the use of Micklefield House.

Micklefield Park is extensively used by the residents of Rawdon and a significant number of village events are held here throughout the course of the year. The park has a children's playground, skateboard park, assault course and Micklefield Park Millennium Garden. Rawdon Bowling Club is situated within the park as are tennis courts. Rawdon Community Library is situated within the boundaries of Micklefield Park.

5.3.16 The justification for each Local Green Space in terms of the criteria set out in the NPPF is provided in Table 1:

emonstrably special	Local in character
ghly visible local ndmark. gnificant built heritage terest including the mains of a quarry, orcrete foundations for orld War II defensive stallations and a dam at e foot built by the Emmott state around 1858.	The boundaries of the Billing are defined as the crown of the hill and the surrounding fields. The area encompasses Billing Dam and various heritage assets. In order to define an area for The Billing which is acceptable as a protected green space under a Neighbourhood Plan the following method was used to define the boundary: The boundary starts around Billing Dam, part of the iconic setting of the Billing. It follows the border of the adjacent sports ground at the base of the hill and skirts Larkfield Dam. From there it follows a contour line around the north of the hill to include former quarry works and heritage features associated with the Billing. beyond the former quarry it follows paths along field boundaries. The small projection follows a higher contour line to encompass the outcrop of the crown of the hill where the trig point can be found. This boundary has been chosen as it includes all the features associated with the
	ghly visible local ndmark. gnificant built heritage erest including the mains of a quarry, ncrete foundations for orld War II defensive stallations and a dam at e foot built by the Emmott

Table 1 Justification for Local Green Spaces

Littlemoor	Local public space close to residential communities.	Considerable historic significance. Originally named Victoria Park but was renamed Jubilee Park in celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Gas lights were installed around the boundary as were seats and railings. The Centenary Stone and Garden commemorating the centenary of the First World War are situated on Littlemoor.	Triangle of grass land, bordered by well established trees, bounded by Harrogate Road, Quakers Lane and Park Road. Area: 0.948 ha
Micklefield Park	Micklefield Park is the park for Rawdon. Located close to residential areas and extensively used by the residents of Rawdon.	Local historic interest. First dwelling on this site was a farmhouse built about 1616. They built a new and much larger house there in 1662, which was then rebuilt by William White in the early 1800s. Micklefield House has considerable historical interest as JV Godwin, Mayor of Bradford lived there until 1870 when he sold it to Thomas Arton a prominent Bradford woollen merchant, who improved the building and built the west wing.	Bounded by New Road Side, Micklefield Lane, Little London and Low Fold. Area: 4.31 ha

Draft Policy R4 Protecting Local Green Spaces

The following areas shown on Map 2 Rawdon NDP Policies Map are protected as Local Green Spaces:

R1. The Billing R2. Littlemoor R3. Micklefield Park

New development which impacts adversely on the openness of these sites or adversely affects the attributes for which they were designated will not be acceptable other than in very special circumstances. Parish Council Action 2

The Parish Council will encourage new developments located in or close to public areas to provide litter and dog bins and make arrangements for the continued emptying.

Built Heritage



Former Littlemoor School – converted to flats

- 5.3.17 Rawdon has four Conservation Areas at Cragg Wood, Littlemoor, Little London and Low Green and community consultation showed that most residents felt that Rawdon's conservation areas should be strengthened and expanded. The Billing and Town Street were suggested as further areas to protect.
- 5.3.18 The Parish Council consider that each Conservation Area has a different character and the following policy has been developed using the Conservation Area Appraisals for each area. Please refer to the relevant Conservation Area Appraisals for further guidance¹⁰.

¹⁰ <u>https://www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/conservation-protection-and-heritage/conservation-area</u> **Rawdon Cragg Wood** - <u>area map (PDF 1.65MB)</u> and <u>appraisal document (PDF 5.2MB)</u> **Rawdon Littlemoor** - <u>area map (PDF 226KB)</u> and <u>appraisal document (PDF 7MB)</u> **Rawdon Little London** - <u>area map (PDF 159KB)</u> and <u>appraisal document (PDF 4MB)</u> **Rawdon Low Green** - <u>area map (PDF 153KB)</u> and <u>appraisal document (PDF 1.4MB)</u>

Draft Policy R5 Conserving and Enhancing Rawdon's Conservation Areas

Rawdon's designated area has four Conservation Areas:

- a) Cragg Wood
- b) Littlemoor
- c) Little London
- d) Low Green.

To be supported, development proposals should demonstrate a positive response to its setting in terms of the scale, form, materials and construction methods. Appropriate regard must be had to the impact that the development would have on the character of the conservation area, the setting of any listed buildings, or on the identified open spaces within the conservation area.

Where feasible, new development within the Conservation Areas will be expected to:

- 1. Achieve continuity in street frontage and building lines.
- 2. Maintain the historic pattern of development by respecting the layout associated with the historic plots and the historic evolution of development in the immediate area.
- 3. Complement the scale, height and massing of the historic development in the immediate streetscape and the wider conservation area.
- 4. Reflect the proportion of wall to openings found in the elevations of traditional buildings and to employ robust detailing, avoiding 'off the shelf' and locally inappropriate designs.
- 5. Respect the historic hierarchy of development and detailing between principal and secondary street frontages, and within plots between frontage and rear elevations.
- 6. Reinforce local identity by the use of the traditional materials used in the conservation area.
- 7. Re-use traditional buildings which contribute to townscape quality.

There will be a presumption in favour of the retention of undesignated heritage assets within the Conservation Area, where proposals for demolition and redevelopment would cause unacceptable harm when assessed against the potential enhancements resulting from the development.

Development proposals within or within the setting of the Conservation Area will be expected to include an assessment of the impact which should include consideration of the following (non-exhaustive) list:

- a) **Proximity to the heritage asset.**
- b) Position in relation to key views.
- c) Prominence, dominance, conspicuousness.
- d) Dimensions.
- e) Scale.
- f) Massing.
- g) Visual permeability.
- h) Materials.
- i) Architectural style & design; and
- j) Changes to roofscapes or skylines

Within the individual Conservation Areas, in addition to the above, the following specific criteria in Policies R5(a), R5(b), R5(c) and R5(d) will apply:



Blue Plaque at Rawdon Cricket Club



Quaker Meeting Hall

Draft Policy R5(a) Rawdon Cragg Wood Conservation Area

Where feasible, new development will be expected to:

- 1. Protect the important contribution woodland and trees make to the special character of the conservation area.
- 2. Avoid inappropriate infill development and loss of garden settings.
- 3. New development should respond sensitively and creatively to the historic environment.
- 4. Respect the character of historic buildings by maintaining and sympathetically repairing surviving historic features. The replacement of inappropriate fixtures, fittings and adaptations is encouraged.
- 5. Retain historic boundary treatments and ensure new boundary treatments preserve and enhance the special character of the area.
- 6. Ensure that future public realm and traffic management measures respect and enhance the special character of the conservation area.
- 7. Ensure the historic environment plays a positive role in addressing climate change.
- 8. Ensure that the introduction of microgeneration equipment does not harm the special character and appearance of the conservation area.
- 9. Development should have regard to the archaeological record and where necessary include an element of archaeological investigation and mitigation.
- 10. Ensure that the setting of the conservation area is considered as a material consideration within the planning process.

Draft Policy R5(b) Littlemoor Conservation Area

Where feasible, all new development will be expected to:

- 1. Respect important views
- 2. Respect the scale of neighbouring buildings
- 3. Respect historic boundary walls and retain historic garden plots
- 4. Use materials and building methods which are as high in quality as those used in existing buildings
- 5. Create new views and juxtapositions which add to the variety and texture of their setting.

Draft Policy R5(c) Little London Conservation Area

Where feasible, all new development will be expected to:

- 1. Respect important views
- 2. Respect the scale of neighbouring buildings
- 3. Respect historic boundary walls and retain historic garden plots
- 4. Use materials and building methods which are as high in quality as those used in existing buildings
- 5. Create new views and juxtapositions which add to the variety and texture of their setting.

Draft Policy R5(d) Low Green Conservation Area

Where feasible, all new development will be expected to:

- 1. Retain the two/three storey scale and massing within the conservation area.
- 2. Ensure the spaces between buildings are be retained. The layout of buildings should be sympathetic to positive buildings in the conservation area.
- 3. Respect key views and in particular, views towards open green space should not be compromised.
- 4. Ensure the construction of new boundary walls and buildings is in keeping with the character of the Conservation Area.
- 5. Ensure the permeability through the conservation area via footpaths and lanes is retained.
- 6. Ensure the continued use of traditional roofing materials with chimney stack and pots to articulate the roofscape.
- 5.3.19 There are 33 Listed Buildings in Rawdon including the Grade II* Listed Rawdon Hall and a Scheduled Monument. In addition, there are numerous buildings of more local heritage interest which the majority of residents would like to see retained. Designated heritage assets are adequately protected through existing legislation and policies. A list produced as of March 2020 is included at Appendix 2.
- 5.3.20 Heritage assets, including locally significant undesignated assets are protected by Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) Policy P11 which seeks to conserve and enhance the historic environment, particularly those elements that give the area its distinctive identity. In the case of Rawdon, this distinctive identity is that of a village. The established pattern of development comprises a number of different areas, whose distinctiveness is reinforced by areas of separation.

Draft Policy R6 Protecting the Historic Environment and Rawdon's Distinctive Character

All new development should be sited and designed to protect and enhance those historic assets and features which contribute towards the special character of the civil parish of Rawdon.

In particular, the established pattern of development should be maintained to ensure that the different areas that comprise the civil parish of Rawdon parish, each with its own individual character and sense of place, remain separate. Development which results in further coalescence in the areas of separation will not be supported.

Parish Council Action 3

The Parish Council will discuss with Leeds City Council the possibility of designating Town Street as a Conservation Area.

Parish Council Action 4

In conjunction with Leeds City Council, the Parish Council will develop a list of local non-designated heritage assets in addition to those identified in the four Conservation Area Appraisals.



St Peter's Church

5.4 The Local Economy



Harrogate Road Village Centre

- 5.4.1 The NPPF and the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) support economic growth and community consultation indicates that most residents consider that the Neighbourhood Plan should address job creation and local business opportunities. Farming, retail and office-based business were identified as the most appropriate business types for Rawdon. The establishment of a farmers' market is supported.
- 5.4.2 The NDP will seek to strengthen the local economy by promoting the improvement and protection of existing businesses and supporting proposals that will deliver employment opportunities, particularly small-scale retail, office and farming.
- 5.4.3 Policy EC2 of the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) steers office development towards the City Centre or designated Town and Local Centres. Leeds Road, Rawdon is identified as a Lower Order Local Centre and, under Core Strategy Policy P3, offices would be viewed as an acceptable use. Under Policy P4, local service facilities, including retail, are supported within shopping parades in residential areas, providing that they are of a size compatible with the scale and function of the shopping parade, do not compromise the main retail function of the parade to service day-to-day shopping requirements, and comply with other relevant planning policies.
- 5.4.4 Proposals for stand-alone or for small scale food stores up to 372 sqm gross within residential areas, will be acceptable in principle where there is no local centre or shopping parade within a 500 metre radius that is capable of accommodating the proposal within or adjacent to it. Consideration will also be taken of the number of existing small stores in the vicinity to avoid cumulative impact on parades and centres.

Draft Policy R7 Supporting the Local Economy

The expansion of existing businesses and the development of new small-scale employment and service-related business facilities will be supported when:

- 1. Any adverse impacts from traffic on the existing local road network are minimised through suitable traffic management measures; and
- 2. There is adequate provision of parking for employees and visitors, where possible provided on site; and
- 3. Local residential amenity is protected, and suitable measures are put in place to minimise any noise or other disturbance.

Small-scale office development in, or on the edge of, Leeds Road Local Centre will be supported.

New housing development within, or adjacent to, Town Street and Harrogate Road shopping areas should be designed to avoid any adverse impacts which may arise from on street parking by residents.

Proposals which provide enhanced car parking solutions to mitigate existing problems in these areas will be supported in order to help maintain the vitality and viability of local facilities.

- 5.4.5 Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) Policy EC3 safeguards existing employment land and industrial areas. However, permitted development rights currently apply in respect of the change of use from Class E uses to C3 residential use. This is subject to Prior Approval being sought.
- 5.4.6 Part B of Policy EC3 addresses sites in shortfall areas: "B) Where a proposal located in an area of shortfall as identified in the most recent Employment Land Review would result in the loss of a general employment allocation or an existing use within the Use Classes B1b, B1c, B2 and B8, non-employment uses will only be permitted where: The loss of the general employment site or premises can be offset sufficiently by the availability of existing general employment land and premises in the surrounding area (including outside the areas of shortfall) which are suitable to meeting the employment needs of the area."
- 5.4.7 The Outer North West HMCA is a shortfall area for employment land (excluding B1a Offices). This has an impact on how planning applications for loss of employment are considered. Applications will be assessed using an appropriate definition of surrounding area as agreed between the Council and the applicant with reference to Table 1 in Appendix 3 of the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019).

Draft Policy R8 Protecting Existing Local Employment Premises

The retention of existing employment land and buildings will be supported. Where planning permission is required, redevelopment for non-employment uses or change of use of existing employment premises will only be supported when:

- 1. The employment premises have been empty for at least two years and during that time actively marketed for employment use at the current local market rate without securing a viable alternative employment use; and
- 2. The site is no longer suitable for such use in terms of location, accessibility, adjacent land uses and environmental impacts.

Parish Council Action 5

The Parish Council will investigate the availability of potential sites close to shopping streets for additional parking.

Parish Council Action 6

The Parish Council will investigate opportunities for the creation of a farmers' market.

5.5 Community Facilities



The Emmott Arms

- 5.5.1 The neighbourhood area has a number of community facilities that are highly valued by local residents. These include community buildings, schools, the library and other community facilities
- 5.5.2 Government planning policy indicates that, in order to deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies should plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities (such as meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments. They should also guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs.
- 5.5.3 The responses to the community consultations¹¹ showed that the most commonly used community facilities were green spaces and the library. Rawdon Billing was the most important leisure facility for respondents followed by Micklefield Park (these are protected as Local Green Spaces in Policy R4). Sports fields/clubs, the library and community facilities were also classed as important. Respondents were also very concerned about the provision of services. Doctors, dentists and schools were all similarly seen as important and in need of a larger provision. Many additional comments mentioned the need for NHS dentists.
- 5.5.4 Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) (Policy P9) protects existing community facilities and services and resists their loss unless satisfactory alternative provision is made elsewhere within the community if a sufficient level of need is identified.

¹¹ See Rawdon Consultation, 2020 <u>www.rawdonparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>

Policy R9 Protecting Existing Community Facilities

The following community facilities as shown on Map 2 Rawdon NDP Policies Map will be protected for community use:

RCF9/1 Greenacre Hall and car park RCF9/2 Trinity Church, Hall and car park RCF9/3 Jubilee Hall and car park RCF9/4 St Peter's Church RCF9/5 Quakers Meeting house and hall RCF9/6 Benton Park School and Grounds RCF9/6 Benton Park School and Grounds RCF9/7 St Peter's C of E School RCF9/8 Littlemoor Primary School RCF9/8 Littlemoor Primary School RCF9/9 Rawdon Community Library RCF9/10 Stone Trough Inn RCF9/11 Emmott Arms RCF9/12 Rawdon Cricket Club RCF9/13 Rawdon & Guiseley Conservative Club RCF9/14 The Princess RCF9/15 The Moody Cow

The proposed re-use of local community facilities will only be permitted for other health, education or community type uses (such as village halls, local clubhouses, health centres, schools and children's day nurseries).

The change of use of existing facilities to other uses will not be permitted unless the following can be demonstrated:

- 1. The proposal includes alternative provision of equivalent or enhanced facilities. Such sites should be accessible by public transport, walking and cycling and have adequate car parking; or
- 2. Satisfactory evidence is produced that there is no longer a need for the facility.

Parish Council Action 7

The Parish Council will encourage the provision of NHS dental services in Rawdon.

- 5.5.5 Community consultation found that the most popular option as a means of providing extra school places in the future was to increase places in all existing schools.
- 5.5.6 Policy P9 of the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) indicates that new community facilities and services, such as education, should be accessible by foot, cycling or by public transport in the interests of sustainability and health and well-being. Facilities and services should not adversely impact on residential amenity.

Policy R10 The Extension of Existing Schools

Proposals to extend existing schools will be supported provided that:

- 1. They do not have an unacceptable traffic impact or exacerbate parking problems;
- 2. Where feasible, pedestrian links to residential areas are improved to encourage walking to school;
- 3. Consideration is given to the provision of on-site drop-off parking, including parking for buses; and
- 4. Proposals would not lead to an unacceptable loss in local playing fields provision.

Parish Council Action 8

The Parish Council will work with the education authority to ensure that the provision of school places matches any increase in pupil numbers.

Parish Council Action 9

The Parish Council will work with Leeds City Council to encourage the provision of safe walkways and road crossings to encourage walking to school. Rawdon Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan – February 2022



St Peter's Primary School



Littlemoor Primary School

5.6 Movement and Traffic Management

- 5.6.1 Section 4 of the NPPF promotes sustainable transport, indicating that transport policies have an important role to play in sustainable development and in contributing to wider sustainability and health objectives. To achieve this, developments should be designed to give priority to pedestrian and cycle movements and located where they have access to high quality public transport facilities. Developments should minimise conflicts between cyclists or pedestrians.
- 5.6.2 Policy T2 of the Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) states that, in locations where development is otherwise considered acceptable new infrastructure may be required on/off site to ensure that there is adequate provision for access from the highway network, by public transport and for cyclists, pedestrians and people with impaired mobility, which will not create or materially add to problems of safety, environment or efficiency on the highway network. Parking provision will be required for cars, motorcycles and cycles. Under Policy G1, of the Core Strategy opportunities are taken to protect and enhance the Public Rights of Way (PROW) network through avoiding unnecessary diversions and by adding new links.
- 5.6.3 The most common concern of residents is congestion on the A65 and A658 with many considering that there is a need for greater provision for alternative transport, including improvements to bus and rail facilities and improved cycle/footpaths. Lack of parking provision is also seen as a significant issue.

Policy R11 Traffic Management and Transport Improvements

Proposals for new development will only be supported, if:

- 1. Suitable and safe access is provided to the site;
- 2. Sufficient parking is provided in accordance with Leeds City Council parking standards;
- 3. They do not result in the net loss of parking spaces;
- 4. All additional traffic generated by the development is identified and any mitigation measures are provided by the developer;
- 5. There is no detrimental impact on the existing pedestrian and cycling network and bridlepaths; and
- 6. Where possible, they enhance the existing pedestrian and cycling network. In particular, enhancing the interconnectedness of the network of foot, cycle and bridlepaths and access to the river should be incorporated in designs.

5.7 Community Infrastructure Levy

- 5.7.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge that can be placed on new development. CIL is intended to be used to help towards funding a range of infrastructure that is needed as a result of development, for example road schemes, schools and community facilities. The Leeds City Council Community Infrastructure Charging Schedule, 2015 sets out the Community Infrastructure Levy to be applied to different forms of development.
- 5.7.2 Of the CIL monies collected by the Council, a certain percentage has to be passed on to the Town or Parish Council where the development is taking place. The 2013 amended regulations state that these amounts will be:
 - i. 25% of relevant CIL monies if the development is taking place in an area that has a neighbourhood development plan in place, or
 - ii. 15% of relevant CIL monies in all other areas up to a maximum cap of £100 per dwelling in that area, in that financial year
- 5.7.3 Town and Parish Councils must spend their CIL monies to support the development of their area by funding:
 - a) "the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
 - b) Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area."
- 5.7.4 It is also assumed that neighbourhood plans (and other community led and locally identified plans and proposals) will set out the community's priorities for infrastructure needs and spending.
- 5.7.5 Community consultation has identified a number of potential projects that could be funded using CIL monies.



Priorities for the expenditure of CIL monies in Rawdon are as follows:

- 1. Enhanced parking
- 2. The provision of additional facilities at Micklefield Park, including the provision of facilities for young people,
- 3. Traffic management and pedestrian safety measures

6.0 Next Steps

- 6.1 This Regulation 14 version of the Rawdon Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been published for formal consultation for six weeks until Monday 11th April 2022.
- 6.2 The results of the consultation will be considered very carefully and used to finalise and amend the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. This will then be submitted to Leeds City Council. In addition, a Basic Conditions Statement, and a Consultation Statement will be published alongside the amended version of the final Plan setting out how the representations received have been considered and used, to influence and inform the content of the Plan.
- 6.3 Following this, the Plan will be subjected to an Independent Examination by a jointly appointed Examiner, to consider whether the Plan meets the basic conditions, and also any outstanding objections.
- 6.4 It is likely that the Examiner will recommend further changes, before the Plan is subjected to a local Referendum. A straight majority vote (50% of turnout +1) of those on the Electoral Register will be required, before the City Council may "make" the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan will then be used to help determine planning decisions in the Parish alongside Borough and National Planning Policies.

Appendix 1 – Green/Open Spaces

CSP = Leeds Core Strategy (as amended) (2019) Policy

CAA = Conservation Area Appraisal

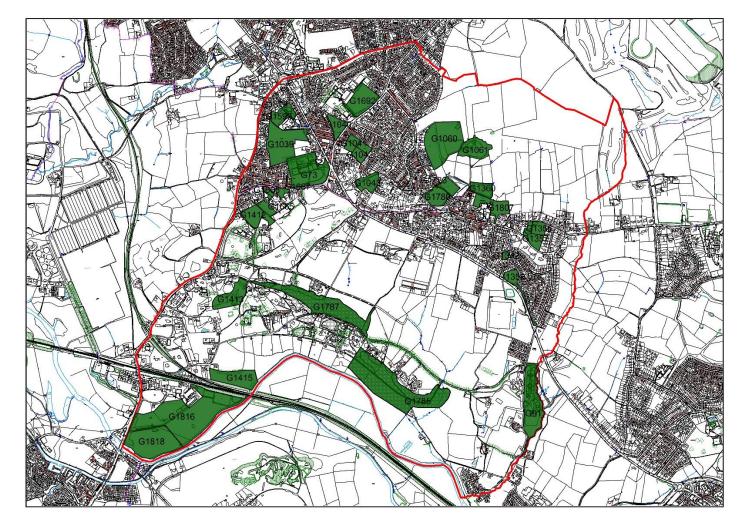
= Sites in Green Belt

Leeds Ref	Address	Area	Туре	Leeds Score	Existing Protection
G73	Micklefield Park, Rawdon	4.28	Neighbourhood Park	7.33	 CSP G6 Council owned public park
G91	Rawdon Crematorium	7.42	Cemeteries	5.6	 CSP G6 Green Belt Strategic Green Infrastructure
G1039	New Road Side Playing Fields	4.24	Local Recreation Area	5.77	 CSP G6 Playing field Landmark Greenspace in CAA
G1040	Littlemoor	0.98	Natural Area	4.22	 CSP G6 Landmark Greenspace in CAA Common Land
G1041	Victory Garden (Pease Hill) Allotments	0.66	Allotments	6.82	 CSP G6 Landmark Greenspace in CAA Allotments
G1042	Park Avenue Playing Fields	0.97	Local Recreation Area	4.25	 CSP G6 Playing field Landmark Greenspace in CAA
G1043	Pease Hill Allotments (Crowtrees)	1.28	Allotments	6.82	 CSP G6 Landmark Greenspace in CAA Allotments
G1060	Larkfield Dam	5.24	Natural Area	6.15	CSP G6 Groop Bolt
G1061	Billing Hill	1.87	Natural Area	6.31	Green Belt CSP G6 Green Belt
G1342	Emmott Drive	0.22	Amenity Greenspace	6.91	CSP G6

G1356	Jubilee Hall	0.69	Local Recreation Area	6.92	•	CSP G6
G1357	St Peter's Church	1.07	Cemeteries	8.08	•	CSP G6 Owned by diocese Consecrated ground
G1359	Layton Park Drive	0.92	Amenity Greenspace	5.69	•	CSP G6
G1360	Billing View Pond	1.1	Natural Area	5.92	•	CSP G6 Green Belt
G1412	Springwood Road (Rear of)	1.17	Natural Area	5.5	•	CSP G6 Green Belt Strategic Green Infrastructure
G1413	Orchard Hill	2.2	Natural Area	4.5	•	CSP G6 Green Belt Strategic Green Infrastructure
G1415	Bronte House School Playing Fields	1.59	Outdoor Sport		•	CSP G6 Green Belt Local Wildlife Site Strategic Green Infrastructure
G1599	Rawdon Littlemoor Primary School	0.78	Outdoor Sport	9	•	CSP G6 Playing field
G1665	Fulford Grange Meadow	1.08	Natural Area	5.25	•	CSP G6 Landmark Greenspace in CAA Green Belt Strategic Green Infrastructure
G1666	Fulford Grange 1	0.28	Amenity Greenspace	6.67	•	CSP G6 Landmark Greenspace in CAA Green Belt Strategic Green Infrastructure
G1667	Fulford Grange 2	0.37	Amenity Greenspace	6.83	•	CSP G6 Landmark Greenspace in CAA Green Belt

					•	•Strategic
						Green
						Infrastructure
G1692	Benton Park School	2.48	Outdoor sport	6.75	•	CSP G6
					•	Landmark
						Greenspace
						in CAA
					•	Playing field
G1780	Rawdon Cricket Club	1.44	Outdoor Sport	7.5	•	CSP G6
					•	Playing field
					•	Green Belt
G1785	Cragg Wood South	9.99	Natural Area	6.46	•	CSP G6
					•	Green Belt
						Local Wildlife
						Site
						Strategic
						Green
						Infrastructure
G1786	Rawdon Grounds	0.83	Outdoor Sport	6.77	•	CSP G6
01700		0.00		0.77		Green Belt
						Local Wildlife
					•	Site
					•	Strategic
						Green
G1787	Crogg Wood North	5.67	Natural	5.69		Infrastructure
G1707	Cragg Wood North	5.07	natural	5.69	•	CSP G6
					•	Green Belt
					•	Local Wildlife
						Site
					•	Strategic
						Green
						Infrastructure
G1807	Rawdon St Peter's	2.04	Outdoor Sport	6.5	•	CSP G6
	C of E School				•	Part playing
						field
G1816	Woodhouse Public	10.35	Outdoor Sport	9.3	•	CSP G6
	School Playing					Green Belt
	Fields					Local
					•	
01010				0.17		Wildlife Site
G1818	Rawdon Meadow	5.14	Outdoor Sport	8.17	•	CSP G6
	Playing Fields				•	Green Belt
					•	Local
						Wildlife Site
G1870	Land adj Rawdon	0.5	Natural Area	8.27	CSP G	
	Littlemoor Primary					-
	School					
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Map 3 – Green / Open Spaces



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Appendix 2 - Built Heritage in Rawdon

Listed Buildings

There are 33 statutory Listed Buildings and a Scheduled Monument in Rawdon¹² as at March 2020. These are:

Name	Location	Grade
Trinity Church Sunday School	New Road Side, Rawdon	II
Meeting House Cottage with attached stable	Quakers Lane, Rawdon	II
Church of St Peter	Town Street, Rawdon	II
Group of 3 Hird Monuments approx. 3 metres south east of chancel of Church of St Peter	Town Street, Rawdon	II
Foster Monument approx. 1 metre south of east bay of chancel of Church of St Peter	Town Street, Rawdon	II
Exley Tomb Chest approx. 3 metres south of 3 rd bay of aisle of Church of St Peter	Town Street, Rawdon	II
Woodleigh Hall	Woodlands Drive, Rawdon	II
Layton Ghyll	Layton Road, Rawdon	II
Rawdon Hall	Leeds Road, Rawdon	*
Layton Hall	Layton Road, Rawdon	II
Crow Trees	Leeds Road, Rawdon	II
Ivy Cottage	Over Lane, Rawdon	II
Entrance gateway to Friends' Meeting House Cottage with attached front wall	Quakers Lane, Rawdon	Π
Rawdon Free School	2 Layton Avenue, Rawdon	
Group of 4 Hardaker and Booth	Town Street, Rawdon	II
Monuments approx. 1 metre east of east wall of chancel of Church of St Peter		
Group of 5 monuments approx. 9 metres south of Church of St Peter	Town Street, Rawdon	II
Group of 4 Hird and Longbottom monuments approx. 1 metre south of chancel of Church of St Peter	Town Street, Rawdon	11
Stoney Croft	6 and 7 Batter Lane, Rawdon	II
Old Larkfield and Larkfield Cottage	Larkfield Road, Rawdon	II
Trinity Church	New Road Side, Rawdon	II
Friends' Meeting House	Quakers Lane, Rawdon	II
Buckstone Hall	Cliffe Drive, Rawdon	II
Micklefield House	New Road Side, Rawdon	II
7 Low Fold, Rawdon	7 Low Fold, Rawdon	
Scheduled Monument - Cup and ring marked rock 40 metres south east of Hillcourt		

¹² https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/results?searchtype=nhle&page=1

Appendix 3 – Local Character

Examples of Different Architectural Styles in Rawdon



Carr Lane semis



Large semis in Benton Parks



Layton Park Bungalows



Stone terraces off Littlemoor

Traditional Stone Terraces, Canada Road



Stone terraces on New Road Side

Examples of Sensitive Shop Frontages



The Village Bakery

Town Street





Harrogate Road

Appendix 4 – Sustainable Design Principles

New housing and other development in Rawdon should be designed to maximise resource and energy efficiency and contribute towards zero carbon and climate change objectives.

The following principles set out guidelines for how this may be achieved:

- 1. Insulation, minimising thermal bridges in construction, glazing and sealing of openings should minimise heat loss and wherever possible and viable developers should seek to incorporate the highest recognised government standards at the time.
- 2. Passivhaus standards in new housing will be encouraged.
- 3. Surface drainage should not increase pressure on existing wastewater and natural drainage systems.
- 4. Gardens and parking areas should use permeable surfacing to reduce run off and rainwater and grey water should be stored and reused, for example from water butts.
- 5. Solar, heat recovery, air source and ground source energy are encouraged where there is a minimal visual impact, and taking into consideration any impacts on local heritage assets.
- 6. The orientation of buildings and roof pitches should incorporate passive solar design principles.
- 7. Use of re-used, reclaimed and recycled materials is encouraged, and where possible materials should be sourced from local suppliers.
- 8. Consideration should be given to the provision of high quality, accessible and attractive open spaces and land for food growing.
- 9. External and accessible electric vehicle charging points should be provided.

Rear cover designed by Libby Wright (When aged 9 yrs).

