

Designation of Gargrave Parish Neighbourhood Area

Gargrave Parish Council has applied to Craven District Council and The National Park Authority to designate a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

The accompanying map identifies the proposed Neighbourhood Area.

On the 25th March 2014 the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority resolved to approve the designation of the whole of Gargrave Parish, including the area within the National Park, as a Neighbourhood Area.

The reasons for approving the application are:

1. The whole Parish is an appropriate area to be designated and there is no good reason to refuse designation of part of it.
2. It is national policy to work with parish councils on neighbourhood plans and in this case there would seem no strategic reason to prevent Gargrave from preparing a plan for the whole of its area of responsibility.
3. The small area within the National Park which forms parkland in association with Eshton Hall, is unlikely to yield significant development pressures and there are no unusual locational planning reasons why this area should not form part of a whole neighbourhood plan that crosses the park boundary.
4. There are no emerging Local Plan issues that are likely to lead to the allocation of this area for development in any strategic or detailed way.
5. The Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan will have legal regard to national park purposes, the landscape and other special protections provided to National Parks by national planning policy and planning guidance.

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