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Dear Adele,

**Re: Parishes of Great Hucklow, Grindlow, Windmill, Little Hucklow, Coplowdale and Foolow Neighbourhood Plan**

I write to advise that following a number of preliminary meetings our parishes have taken the decision to work together to develop a neighbourhood plan covering both our parishes. The boundaries of the plan will therefore be as that defined by the boundary of both our parishes (see boundary map enclosed).

The villages and hamlets of Foolow, Grindlow, Great Hucklow, Windmill, Little Hucklow and Coplowdale lie in a line under Hucklow Edge and whilst surrounded by the larger settlements of Eyam, Tideswell and Bradwell, they maintain their distinctive character because of their rural nature and industrial history. The majority of the land across the parishes is still commercially farmed and the villages also accommodate a number of modern industries that provide high quality employment opportunities to the local area with wages above the average for the National Park. Whilst there are no longer any shops in any of the villages there are three thriving pubs, with planning permission just granted for another to be refurbished and reopened. The Derbyshire and Lancashire Gliding Club has maintained an airfield and associated accommodation on Hucklow Edge since the 1930s. The Nightingale Centre in Great Hucklow provides holiday accommodation for adults and children as part of a Unitarian charity. The remains of lead mining activity can be found across all villages and have been excavated and preserved at the Silence and High Rake mine sites. Flourspar is still actively mined from under the Edge.



We consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area because the villages form two civil parishes which already work closely together, have many similar issues (as described), and can work more effectively to address them by developing a joint neighbourhood plan. Additionally, the joint area forms a large part of the catchment area of Great Hucklow School. They have formed a joint charitable trust to manage the Silence Mine site. The villagers are concerned that the population is aging and will dwindle with time as younger people move away to develop their careers etc. and are not replaced as the accommodation and infrastructure do not meet their needs. To this end the village has invested its own resources in time and effort in developing its own fibre optic network which has provided businesses in the villages with the state-of-the-art communications they need to conduct global activities when the national suppliers passed the villages by.

The neighbourhood plan therefore needs to address:

1. the changing accommodation needs of the residents so that there is suitable accommodation for older residents and they do not have to move away to find the facilities they need and for younger families to maintain the vibrancy of the community and school
2. the mix of residential and holiday accommodation to develop a vibrant economy and meet the changing needs of both sectors
3. the infrastructure needs to maintain and develop the commercial base and identify suitable sites for small scale, high value but low environmental impact businesses
4. opportunities to promote and enhance the historical and natural aspects of the villages with particular emphasis on the lead legacy
5. Identification of appropriate developments that enhance the villages and provide good commercial activities for the Milldam Mine site.

Great Hucklow Parish Council is the relevant body making the application in accordance with section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Great Hucklow Parish Council is making this application with the consent of Foolow Parish Meeting.

Yours sincerely

Deborah Stansfield  
Clerk to the Parish Council