

## Comments on Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood Area and forum application

For the council's response to the key issues raised please see 'Issues raised in relation to the Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood Forum and Chadderton Neighbourhood area applications and Oldham Council's response'

Full Name	Organisation Details	Application that the comment relates to	Comment
A Cadman		Both	I would like to formally object to the Chadderton Partnership. I feel that they have too many close ties to a political party to be objective and independent from government/ council agendas. After reading the constitution available of the Oldham.gov website, I feel that there is a large focus on development and I have grave concerns about further developments on greenbelt land within the Chadderton area. Furthermore I do not believe that one group can accurately represent a diverse population of 40,000+ residents. A neighbourhood group needs to be able to listen and respond to the residents for which is it representing. The Chadderton Partnership have not tried to community with residents of Chadderton about what their proposals are, and I fear that this is because they do not have their best interests at heart.
A Cummings		Both	I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices. Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.
A Clark		Both	I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.

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A Flynn		Both	<p>I am writing to inform you that I wish to formerly object to Chadderton Partnership becoming the designated neighbourhood forum for the whole of the area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This group is not truly representative of the residents of Chadderton and is a politically motivated group.</li> <li>2. As this group is political in its membership and attached to the local authority, I feel that there is a genuine concern that the views of this group will not reflect our views and therefore any decisions made, would be against resident wishes.</li> <li>3. This group also means that the whole of Chadderton, approximately 40,000 residents will be 'housed' together when in fact their needs are very different across the wards in Chadderton.</li> <li>4. Such a large group will not be representational of all neighbourhoods across chadderton and is unmanageable.</li> <li>5. This group will also stop local areas establishing and creating their own bespoke forums that truly enable neighbourhoods to create the environments that they wish to live in.</li> </ol>
A Galgani		Both	<p>I object to the designation of Chadderton Partnership as a neighbourhood forum and Chadderton as a neighbourhood area. Reasons for my objection include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consultation not properly advertised</li> <li>2. Membership of group not open to all. Their constitution enables them to vet members</li> <li>3. No evidence that it's 21 members are active, or that they come from areas across Chadderton</li> <li>4. Group not inclusive of residents- no engagement in developing plans, no public meetings, etc.</li> <li>5. Group led by councillors and dominated by one political party, which is contrary to legal requirements.</li> <li>6. Area too large- planning guidance for indicative neighbourhood area is 5,500. The whole of Chadderton is almost 7 times larger than this at 35,000</li> <li>7. Chadderton is made up of numerous neighbourhoods not just one. Chadderton Partnership do not provide any justifiable reason for treating this diverse area as one neighbourhood.</li> <li>8. Chadderton Partnership's application fails to describe the general characteristics of this diverse area, as is required. This reflects the fact that the area is too large and that they have not engaged with the 35,000 residents.</li> <li>9. National evidence strongly indicates that very large neighbourhood forums struggle to be effective. Forums of just over 20,000 have been beset with problems, it is therefore logical to</li> </ol>

			<p>assume that a forum for 35,000 residents is destined to fail. It will be ineffective, it will not be capable of giving residents a genuine voice. It should not be permitted.</p> <p>The local authority should determine that this group is not a suitable, or desirable 'relevant body', and that the area of Chadderton, with a population of 35,000 is not an appropriate neighbourhood area.</p>
A Grayson		Both	<p>I wish to register my opposition to the proposed Chadderton partnership group.</p> <p>As a resident for over 20yrs in North Chadderton I have received no information about this group. Also virtually no attempts to engage residents prior to the consultation.</p> <p>The short sightedness of holding a Public Consultation during a pandemic.</p> <p>The whole of Chadderton is too big to be considered " A neighbourhood"</p> <p>Lack of information about the 21 members despite many requests from local people. More time and information and consultation is required before this should even be considered. Members should be voted for by residents in the Chadderton community. Please register my objection.</p>
A Hull	Save Chadderton's Green Belt	Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and 2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</li> <li>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party.</li> </ol> <p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <li>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the</li> </li></ol>

			<p>numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have failed to engage with the 35,000 residents living in the area.</p> <p>2. Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section 1. above refers).</li> <li>ii. An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this. The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</li> </ul> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Guidance (updated May 2020) explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced under the Localism Act, including required key stages and considerations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. National Neighbourhood Planning Guidance identifies an average population of 5,500 as an appropriate starting point for a neighbourhood area. National evidence and case studies, including through The Local Government Association, identify the success of small neighbourhood forum areas, in comparison to larger areas.</li> <li>ii. It is evident that existing, large neighbourhood areas, although considerably smaller than the 35,000 population area proposed here, are beset with problems.</li> <li>iii. The excessive size of the Chadderton area population, which is almost 7 times (636.4%) greater than the indicative size for a neighbourhood area, presents the almost certain risk of failure. This problem is compounded because there is already friction between residents across Chadderton and the Chadderton Partnership group.</li> <li>iv. Any application, made by a 'relevant body', to designate Chadderton as a single neighbourhood should be refused by the planning authority on the grounds that this would be an inappropriate area. The size of the population and the range of neighbourhoods and communities across Chadderton cannot be fairly, or adequately, represented by a single forum.</li> </ul> <p>Town and Country Planning Act 1990, section 61G(2) and Schedule 4C(5)(1) (as amended, for a description of 'relevant body').</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. This provides that the local planning authority should take into account the relevant body's statement explaining why the area applied for is considered appropriate to be designated as such.</li> </ul>
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A Hull	Save Chadderton's Green Belt	Both	<p>(attached to email)</p> <p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum for the whole of the Chadderton area, and</li> <li>2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: Membership must be open to individuals who live and work in the area concerned.</li> </ol> <p>The CP constitution provides that: 'Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the purpose and principles of the Partnership, the Management Committee shall have the power to refuse membership or may terminate or suspend the membership of any member by a resolution passed at a meeting.'</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. This clause contravenes requirements in the regulations. It enables a committee, who have not been elected by residents, to vet membership.</li> <li>ii. It facilitates the committee's delivery of their own agenda, through the ability to remove opposing, or dissenting voices. It is contrary to the spirit and requirements concerning the inclusivity of all those living and working in the area.</li> <li>iii. The application should be refused on the grounds that membership will not be open and inclusive.</li> </ol> <li>B. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: Membership must be open to individuals who live and work in the area concerned.</li> </li></ol>

			<p>i. This group have not engaged with residents across the neighbourhoods in Chadderton to develop their forum, or this proposal: they have not opened membership to residents in developmental stages. They have excluded residents from involvement.</p> <p>ii. The groups letter of application sites a public meeting on the 3rd April, attended by 30 people. There are no attendance registers, or minutes for this meeting.</p> <p>iii. The date of this 'public' meeting at Chadderton Town Hall does not state in which year it occurred.</p> <p>iv. The 'public' meeting on 3rd April was NOT advertised to the public - for any year.</p> <p>v. It is unlikely that this 'public' meeting was held in 2019 as we have evidence that the group only began to formulate their neighbourhood plan in July 2019, after learning about the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>vi. If the public meeting was held this year, 2020, it would appear that this meeting took place during lockdown. It is very concerning that the council would permit a public gathering (which contravened lockdown requirements) on council premises, at this time.</p> <p>vii. The planning authority should question the claim that a public meeting has been held. There is an absence of clarity concerning date, attendees and the content of this meeting.</p> <p>viii. The application should be refused on the grounds that membership is not open and inclusive.</p> <p>C. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: Membership must include a minimum of 21 individuals</p> <p>Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (7), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: "A local planning authority ...must ...have regard to the desirability of designating an organisation or body - whose membership is drawn from different places in the neighbourhood area concerned, and from different sections of the community in that area' Who are the 21 members?</p> <p>i. The application made by Chadderton Partnership states that 21 people have 'committed to becoming members'. This is not the same as confirming that these individuals are active members.</p> <p>ii. There is no evidence of consistent membership, meetings, attendance at meetings, or the engagement of any members in drawing up of the proposals advertised.</p> <p>iii. The groups application states that it has a list of members, but this is not available in the documents they have provided, nor is there any indication of the areas these individuals live, or</p>
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			<p>work in. There is no opportunity for the council, or residents, to determine if these individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' actually live, or work in the different neighbourhoods/communities across Chadderton.</p> <p>Selection of group chair</p> <p>iv. The application letter has been submitted by the groups named chair. The Chair is a landowner and prospective property developer in Chadderton. He has developed outline plans to develop housing on the greenbelt in Chadderton and presented these at a public meeting. Local residents were not in favour of his proposals.</p> <p>v. The groups constitution (9.8) provides a standard clause requiring committee members to declare any disclosable pecuniary or personal interests, or prejudicial interest. As there are no documented meetings of this group it is not clear if the chair has disclosed his personal and financial interests.</p> <p>vi. The local planning authority must consider the desirability of designating an organisation, whose chair has financial interests and motivations that seriously conflict with the views of substantial numbers of residents. There is a significant conflict of interests and this will result in considerable tension in the North Chadderton neighbourhood.</p> <p>Strong alignment to single political party</p> <p>vii. The application describes that 4 members of the group are local (Labour Party) councillors. The Vice Chair of the group is an ex Labour councillor/labour party member. It has been brought to our attention that other members of this group are Labour party members.</p> <p>viii. The strong affiliation of group members to a single political party is contrary to the requirement for members to be drawn from different sections of the community.</p> <p>ix. Reinforcing the domination of this group by a single political party is the fact that all labour party members in Chadderton have been told to email OMBC to state that they support this proposal: No explanation provided, just a directive.</p> <p>x. Regulations require an inclusive range of members from different parts of the area and sections of the community. This ensures a democratic process. The strong allegiance of this group to the labour party will prevent a democratic process and independent voice for residents: prejudicial interests will conflict members of Chadderton Partnership, who will be required to follow party policy at the expense of residents wishes.</p> <p>We already have evidence of this, including, for example, councillor members of Chadderton Partnership have supported party policy, to develop warehousing and housing at Foxdenton, and the</p>
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			<p>proposed warehousing development in North Chadderton. Both projects have drawn strong opposition from residents, yet the councillors have disregarded this in favour of party allegiances.</p> <p>xi. The purpose of neighbourhood forums is to empower local residents to have a voice in a public arena the political singularity of this group will not allow this.</p> <p>xii. This application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 members who have 'committed' to joining this group are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party.</p> <p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <p>C. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: Membership must include a minimum of 21 individuals Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (7), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: 'A local planning authority ...must ...have regard to the desirability of designating an organisation or body - whose purpose reflects (in general terms) the character of that area.'</p> <p>i. Documents provided in the application made by this group contain standard clauses about the obligations of neighbourhood forums. However, the application does not demonstrate that their purpose reflects (in general terms) the character of the area.</p> <p>ii. Documents do not contain a purpose which reflects the diverse character of this area: the range of physical, environmental and community characteristics that span the different neighbourhoods in Chadderton. This reflects Chadderton Partnership's failure to engage with communities across Chadderton when developing their proposal.</p> <p>iii. The document entitled Neighbourhood Plan lists the names of various neighbourhoods in Chadderton and mentions the limited community work of Chadderton Together, the councillor led group based on Firwood Park (Chadderton Central ward) This is the group who have established the Chadderton Partnership group. However, there is no evidence that the 21 people involved in Chadderton Partnership (whose identities are not all known) have any understanding of the area, or the needs and wishes of individual communities in Chadderton.</p> <p>iv. This application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton</p>
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			<p>Partnership. It's purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods/communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have not engaged with the 35,000 residents living in this area.</p> <p>2. Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G)</p> <p>A. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, section 61G provides that a neighbourhood area can only be determined when an application is made by a 'relevant body'</p> <p>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section A above refers). An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this. The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</p> <p>B. Neighbourhood Planning Guidance (updated May 2020) explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced under the Localism Act, including required key stages and considerations.</p> <p>i. When deciding neighbourhood boundaries, the following considerations are identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• village or settlement boundaries, which could reflect areas of planned expansion</li> <li>• the catchment area for walking to local services such as shops, primary schools, doctors' surgery, parks or other facilities</li> <li>• the area where formal or informal networks of community based groups operate</li> <li>• the physical appearance or characteristics of the neighbourhood, for example buildings that may be of a consistent scale or style</li> <li>• whether the area forms all or part of a coherent estate either for businesses or residents</li> <li>• whether the area is wholly or predominantly a business area</li> <li>• whether infrastructure or physical features define a natural boundary, for example a major road or railway line or waterway</li> <li>• the natural setting or features in an area</li> <li>• size of the population (living and working) in the area</li> </ul> <p>Electoral ward boundaries can be a useful starting point for discussions on the appropriate size of a neighbourhood area; these have an average population of about 5,500 residents.</p> <p>Paragraph: 033 Reference ID: 41-033-20140306</p>
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			<p>create a mini council, in the form of Chadderton Partnership, in order to achieve sensible strategies, this would only serve to dismisses the ability to give residents a genuine voice and the local authorities ability to coordinate strategies across neighbourhoods in Oldham.</p> <p>b. If this logic was accepted as justification, then we would instead be looking at a 'neighbourhood area' for the whole of Oldham, or Greater Manchester, or the North West, etcetera. There are of course plans which work to achieve a coordinated approach across wide areas. However, this does not diminish the importance, or relevance, of having input from resident led forums in appropriately sized neighbourhood areas (indicative population 5,500).</p> <p>c. Planning at scale will considerably benefit from the input of residents and the most effective way to achieve this is through appropriately sized neighbourhood areas, which facilitate genuine resident engagement. With a proposed Chadderton wide neighbourhood population of 35,000, the voice of residents will be lost.</p> <p>v. Reason 4 - Chadderton Partnership state that: 'The future of the town centre has also been identified as an important issue which again will have an impact on all residents.'</p> <p>vi. Reason 4 does not provide a justifiable rationale for area designation</p> <p>a. Chadderton town centre has been in decline for at least 20 years. We appreciate that it is not an area that regularly attracts residents from across other neighbourhoods in Chadderton, or from further afield.</p> <p>b. We are aware that the ward councillors across Chadderton would like to revitalise this area. However, this is not a justification for treating the whole of Chadderton as one neighbourhood. It makes a significant assumption that 21st century residents, across all areas of Chadderton, will have an interest in this town centre. Increased mobility and the internet will be two key factors that will make a small town centre of reduced relevance to many. Many of us would of course like to see the area improved. This does not imply any affinity to this area of Chadderton.</p> <p>c. A sensible approach to the development of this centre would be to provide this specific area with neighbourhood area status. A project to develop this area would firstly need to include input from residents living in the community, in the immediate area (neighbourhood). It could then also incorporate research into the use of the centre by surrounding neighbourhoods in Chadderton, Royton and beyond.</p> <p>vii. Reason 5: Chadderton Partnership state that: 'The Neighbourhood Plan will have to be prepared in the context of the emerging GMSF and the renewal of the Oldham Local Plan and will have to deal with the impact of these documents'</p>
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			<p>viii. Reason 5 does not provide a justifiable rationale for area designation</p> <p>a. This has no relevance to treating Chadderton as a single designated area. Smaller, more appropriately sized neighbourhood areas develop highly relevant and effective neighbourhood plans in the context of strategic plans.</p> <p>b. All forums, irrespective of the size of the neighbourhood area must communicate the details of relevant plans to local residents and then input their views to inform decisions and developments in their local area. Smaller forums can be far more effective in achieving this. There is a better, more informed local understanding of how strategies will affect the area and community; better links to communicate plans to local people; forum representatives are known to local people and trusted by local people to represent their views.</p> <p>c. In a very large neighbourhood population area, such as that proposed for Chadderton, residents will have less direct input. The feelings of disempowerment and having things 'done to you' by councils and councillors are therefore far more likely. The basis of neighbourhood areas and forums is to overcome this disenfranchisement. Under the jurisdiction of a small, remote member forum, such as Chadderton Partnership, there is an unacceptable risk that not only will this continue, but residents will become more frustrated, because they have been deceived into thinking their voice will count.</p> <p>d. This statement by Chadderton Partnership does not justify that Chadderton should be treated as a single vast neighbourhood area, instead it justifies the creation of smaller, appropriately sized neighbourhood areas across Chadderton.</p> <p>Contextual information</p> <p>ii. North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum (NCNF) is a non-political, resident led group. It has around 100 members and extensive support in the community of North Chadderton. The forum has an open membership and this information has been widely shared. The group has made clear its commitments to the physical, environmental, social and economic well being of the neighbourhood and all residents.</p> <p>iii. In July 2019 the NCNF invited the councillor's, who lead Chadderton Together (Central Chadderton ward group) to a meeting to discuss opportunities for working collaboratively.</p> <p>iv. Minutes of the meeting were taken and NCNF circulated these following the meeting.</p> <p>v. At this meeting Chadderton Together presented their own plan: to create a new group, Chadderton Partnership - a neighbourhood forum for the whole of Chadderton. A document had been hastily prepared by their local authority support officer. They acknowledged the resulting</p>
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		<p>errors in this, including that it contained incorrect information, as it had been copied from another area, and that the OMBC logo had been pasted on to it.</p> <p>vi. The Chadderton Together councillors stated that they had previously only been looking at developing a plan for Chadderton town centre. They had commissioned a consultant to do some preliminary work on this, funded through the ward budgets.</p> <p>vii. NCNF were concerned that the councillors showed no desire to work with residents, wanting rather to be in a position of authority, hence the urgency of their 'counter' neighbourhood plan, to deter NCNF from progressing theirs.</p> <p>viii. NCNF representatives advised members of Chadderton Together /Chadderton Partnership to be)</p> <p>a. that an area with a population the size of Chadderton was not an appropriate, or workable neighbourhood area.</p> <p>b. they explained guidance on appropriate size</p> <p>c. they confirmed that they would be continuing with their own plans for a community neighbourhood area and forum, which was of an appropriate size.</p> <p>ix. Further to the meeting in July 2019, the councillors leading Chadderton Together and emerging Chadderton Partnership group, refused the invitation to work alongside NCNF. Instead they set out their requirement that any relationship would be one in which the NCNF were accountable to them, under the jurisdiction of their new group, Chadderton Partnership.</p> <p>x. This was not acceptable to NCNF members and the wider community represented. They informed the Chadderton Together councillors and their local authority support officer that they would continue the existing plan to create a designated, resident led forum for a neighbourhood area, within the Chadderton North ward boundary.</p> <p>xi. The NCNF initially contacted Oldham Council, for support to progress their forum and area, in order to obtain legal status, in April 2019. However. after initial discussions it was felt it would be more appropriate to seek technical advice from Localities before proceeding.</p> <p>xii. NCFC applied for the support of Locality, the national scheme providing expert advice in the development of neighbourhood forums and areas. The NCNF application was approved by the Dept of Housing and Communities in early July 2020.</p> <p>xiii. On 28th July 2020 NCNF were made aware that Chadderton Partnership had prepared and posted their intention to form a forum for the whole of Chadderton. Given the timings and circumstances it has been speculated by many residents that this was hastily prepared by</p>
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			<p>councillors, in order to block NCNF advancing their forum for a neighbourhood area within in the North Chadderton boundary.</p> <p>xiv. Representatives of NCNF and a Locality consultant met with the OMBC interim head of planning and a senior planning officer on 6th August 2020, to express concerns about the Chadderton Partnership proposal.</p> <p>xv. NCNF continue to receive the support of Locality to establish a forum and area within North Chadderton. This will be on-going.</p> <p>xvi. This contextual information raises significant concerns about the intentions and purpose of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. From the outset they have refused requests to work collaboratively with residents, and they have sought to block NCNF from progressing plans to designate their forum and area. This is not the behaviour of an ethical, trustworthy, or inclusive group.</p>
A Jones		Both	<p>I object to the Chadderton partnership becoming the designated neighbourhood forum for the whole of the area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This group is not truly representative of the residents of Chadderton and is a politically motivated group.</li> <li>2. As this group is political in its membership and attached to the local authority, I feel that there is a genuine concern that the views of this group will not reflect our views and therefore any decisions made, would be against resident wishes.</li> <li>3. This group also means that the whole of Chadderton, approximately 40,000 residents will be 'housed' together when in fact their needs are very different across the wards in Chadderton.</li> <li>4. Such a large group will not be representational of all neighbourhoods across Chadderton and is unmanageable.</li> <li>5. This group will also stop local areas establishing and creating their own bespoke forums that truly enable neighbourhoods to create the environments that they wish to live in.</li> </ol>
A Mansfield		Both	<p>Hi I would like to make an objection to the Chadderton partnership, on the ground of poor information that has been passed on to Healds green residents during a global crisis!! I think all decisions should be put on hold until it's safe to meet and discuss properly with all the residents of Healds green.</p>
A McLaughlin		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p>



			<p>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and 2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</p> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <p>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990)</p> <p>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</p> <p>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party. It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <p>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have failed to engage with the 35,000 residents living in the area.</p> <p>2. Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G)</p> <p>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section 1. above refers).</p> <p>ii. An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this. The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</p>
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A Meredith		Both	<p>In response to your Important Notice, I wish to register my objections to the proposal by The Chadderton Partnership and to support the application by North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum.</p>
A Nicholson		Both	<p>I would like to lend my support of a neighbourhood forum that represents smaller areas of Chadderton.</p> <p>Due to the nature of Chadderton town and the diversity within Chadderton I do not feel it could be fairly represented from one small committee.</p> <p>I lend my support to the North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum.</p>

			I feel this group is more accessible and is better positioned to listen to my views of my neighbourhood. I feel with this neighbourhood forum in place my voice will be heard.
A Nield		Both	I wish to express my opposition to the proposal to make the whole of Chadderton a neighbourhood. It is far too large an area to adequately have a forum able to represent the views of the residents. The interests of south Chadderton and north Chadderton are very different. We would be better served by having our own North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum.
A Rowbottom		Both	I register my objections to the Chadderton partnership. The town is far too big to have one forum. the town has always been north, central, south and should be kept as such. Also, ex councillors and people who want to make gain from their position on the forum should not be on it.
A Swindells		Both	I would like to register my opposition to the proposed neighbourhood forum. The group known as The Chadderton Partnership do not represent the majority of North Chadderton with their views on protecting the greenbelt. They want to build in line with the GMSF, whereas everyone who lives in Chadderton is opposed to the plan. We do not trust the Chadderton Partnership, to speak or act on our behalf. I speak for all my family and neighbours in the surrounding local area.
Amy Taylor		Both	REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA I am registering my objection to the proposal that: 1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and 2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area. The reasons for my objection are: 1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations. ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party.

			<p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <p>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have failed to engage with the 35,000 residents living in the area.</p> <p>2. Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G)</p> <p>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section 1. above refers).</p> <p>ii. An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this. The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Guidance (updated May 2020) explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced under the Localism Act, including required key stages and considerations.</p> <p>i. National Neighbourhood Planning Guidance identifies an average population of 5,500 as an appropriate starting point for a neighbourhood area. National evidence and case studies, including through The Local Government Association, identify the success of small neighbourhood forum areas, in comparison to larger areas.</p> <p>ii. It is evident that existing, large neighbourhood areas, although considerably smaller than the 35,000 population area proposed here, are beset with problems.</p> <p>iii. The excessive size of the Chadderton area population, which is almost 7 times (636.4%) greater than the indicative size for a neighbourhood area, presents the almost certain risk of failure. This problem is compounded because there is already friction between residents across Chadderton and the Chadderton Partnership group.</p>
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A Williams		Both	Contacted asking for further information.
A Yerby		Both	<p>I am writing about the proposals for a Neighbourhood Forum calling themselves the Chadderton Partnership.</p> <p>I am a Chadderton resident and was only made aware of this today.</p> <p>Having read the documents associated with this proposal, I am concerned about how this group has been allowed to bring forward such a proposal without notifying all the residents of Chadderton.</p> <p>According to its Constitution, a committee appears to have been formed after a meeting held at the Wellbeing Centre on 23 January 2020 which I was never made aware of.</p> <p>Any Neighbourhood Forum should be run by residents for residents.</p> <p>In addition, Government guidance states that there should be an open membership policy.</p> <p>Paragraph 6.4 of the Chadderton Partnership's Constitution states that it can refuse membership or terminate membership.</p> <p>This goes against the government guidance.</p> <p>It appears that the committee is made up of people who have close ties or support the Labour Party.</p> <p>This group, if approved will not command the support of all residents across Chadderton.</p> <p>The Chadderton Partnership is not as it claims "non political".</p>

			<p>This group has a political agenda which is why I understand so many people are concerned. I do not believe the Chadderton Partnership will benefit Chadderton at all. Rather, it is being set up to further the cause of Oldham Council and the Labour Party by forming a group which will not be accountable to the public, despite what it claims. The process by which this group has been introduced to the public is flawed. I am aware of another group which was interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Forum, but were discouraged from doing so when they were told by Labour Councillors that they would have to answer to them. I don't believe that deciding this process by email is fair. A postal ballot of all residents of Chadderton would be a far more democratic way of handling this matter. In addition, the ballot would have to be overseen by an independent adjudicator. I am, therefore making a formal request that a postal ballot be held and another group of residents be allowed to submit their proposals. Allowing one group loaded with people with vested interests on a committee is undemocratic. The area they would be covering would also be too large. In addition, the Labour Party is apparently directing all its Chadderton members to support it. The people of Chadderton must be given a choice about who they want to represent them. There should be a postal ballot overseen by an independent adjudicator to ensure that democracy is seen to be done.</p>
B & P Fallas		Both	<p>Re: Proposed designation of Chadderton Neighbourhood Area and Forum  I am registering my objection to the proposal that:  the group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a Designated Neighbourhood Forum for Chadderton and that the three wards of Chadderton should be designated as a single neighbourhood area.  The reasons for my objection are:  The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) is not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group seeks to represent the inhabitants of Chadderton but they have not made themselves known in my locality and presumably this applies to many other residents in the proposed Neighbourhood Area.</li> </ul> <p>We were not aware of their existence until we learned of this application. This demonstrates the ineffectiveness of a group which is seeking to become a forum for such a large area.</p>

			<p>It also demonstrates the inappropriateness of considering a designation during the present (coronavirus) restrictions to meetings and consequently to communication I have now done my best to find out what I can about the Chadderton Partnership. I wonder what may be their reasons behind wanting to represent such a large and incredibly diverse area.</p> <p>The group membership seems to have been drawn from a single political party. I feel that its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group.</p> <p>One name I know of the members is someone who has a strong interest in building/developing in a green belt area of Chadderton and this makes me feel very uncertain about the group's purpose. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The group does not demonstrate how it will communicate with, seek views from and encourage a feeling of belonging and inclusivity amongst residents of such a wide and diverse area.</li></ul> <p>Neighbourhood Forums were initially proposed to be bodies representing small areas, like parishes, with a common view on local issues. Three wards of Chadderton, made up of more than 35,000 people does not fit that proposal.</p> <p>It seems that the constitution of the group provides that membership can be vetted and refused. Consequently it will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</p> <p>Chadderton (comprised of Chadderton North, Chadderton South and Chadderton Central wards) is not a suitable Neighbourhood Area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G) Neighbourhood Planning Guidance (updated May 2020) explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced under the Localism Act, including required key stages and considerations. National Neighbourhood Planning Guidance identifies an average population of 5,500 as an appropriate starting point for a neighbourhood area. National evidence and case studies, including through The Local Government Association, identify the success of small neighbourhood forums in comparison with larger areas.</p> <p>The size of the population (35,000 plus) and the range of neighbourhoods and communities across Chadderton cannot be fairly, or adequately, represented by a single forum.</p> <p>It is evident that existing, large neighbourhood areas, although considerably smaller than the 35,000 population area proposed here, are beset with problems.</p>
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B Murphy		Both	<p>I wish to object to Chadderton Partnership to represent me.</p> <p>I am registering my objections to that proposal that;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as " Chadderton Partnership " assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton , and</li> <li>2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objections are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</li> <li>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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B Yarwood	North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum	Both	<p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and</li> <li>2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</li> <li>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership form a single political party. It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</li> <li>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have failed to engage with the 35,000 residents living in the area.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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B Wilkinson		Both	With respect to the development of a pan-Chadderton forum as opposed to a North Chadderton forum. I feel that a North Chadderton forum would serve the local community across the whole range of local issues more appropriately. Both my husband and I have worked for a combined total of 50 years in the North Chadderton area and have now retired to Healds Green. The communities in North and South Chadderton are quite different in their needs and to reflect this difference a more localised approach to consultation is required.
B Minkowycz		Both	I wish to register my opposition for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation.
C Baxter		Both	The area surrounding my property is largely green belt which I feel is under attack from developers. My principal concern is that widening the Forum to include areas that are not similar to the one I live in enables those outside of the area to make decisions that will affect me but not them. It dilutes the real local interest and I believe will work against the preservation of the greenbelt. Although focused on greenbelt. I believe that generally the interest of the local community would be best served by a smaller forums that could focus on each of the individual areas of Chadderton.
C Walker		Both	<p>I am writing to object to the Chadderton Partnership being given the official designation as the sole arbiter for planning decisions in the Town of Chadderton in the form of the 'Neighbourhood Forum' I am writing to object for the following reasons:</p> <p>The consultation period has not been adequately advertised and has failed to inform local residents. The 'Chadderton Partnerships' constitution and membership is exclusive and I believe breaches the 'Equalities Act 2010' given that such a group should be inclusive to all residents. Additionally, the Government guidance on this matter states that any proposal for a Neighbourhood Forum should have an open membership policy.</p> <p>The members of the aforementioned group have advised that this 'consultation' is and I quote a "vote". Therefore given that this came from a member of the committee who has advised this, I take that as an explicit acknowledgement that they are balloting residents in order to mandate the group in order to give it a legal legitimacy and that this has been fully endorsed by Oldham Council to support the creation of a Neighbourhood Forum without widespread public consent.</p> <p>Therefore I contest that this is neither legal nor legitimate given that there has not been enough notice, the ballot is insecure and there is no impartial third party overseeing this to validate this request.</p> <p>I have had no information emailed or posted to me advising me who sits on the 'Chadderton Partnership', what the aims of this partnership are and why they want a 'Neighbourhood Forum'.</p>

			<p>The 'Neighbourhood Forum' is far too big and it is contested by a more established local group, I believe that I should have the choice to decide whether I want a Town wide forum or an actual neighbourhood forum. To be given an uncontested request to approve or not it is undemocratic. I believe that the Chadderton Partnership lacks any legitimacy given they failed to advertise their Annual General Meeting to all registered electors in the three Wards of Chadderton. This excluded the majority of the Towns residents.</p> <p>For the reasons listed above I wish to register my objection to the Chadderton Partnership.</p>
C Lowe		Both	<p>I am opposed to the proposals for Chadderton Partnership to establish a neighbourhood area covering the three Chadderton wards (Chadderton North, Chadderton Central and Chadderton South) as it will impact on local residents to have their say about the neighbourhood, we live in.</p> <p>Lack of timely Information to residents I am appalled at the way residents have been informed last minute as usual. Information has not been distributed to residents. The constitution of Chadderton Partnership was adopted on 23 January 2020 how has this been communicated? There have been issues during lockdown but I am sure this could have been communicated better. I would also be interested to know how the Chadderton Partnership was formed and how the members were invited?</p> <p>Proposed Forum Area is to large It is too large an area for this Forum to cover and represent. They will not be able to represent the smaller communities and neighbourhoods. I want my voice to be heard and this single Forum is not the way forward. Designated sub groups have been discussed as a way to get around this but this is just diluting genuine residents' views and opinions about the area they live. Small forums work better.</p> <p>Proposed forum Area will get in the way of the democratic process If the proposal to have one neighbourhood forum for the whole of Chadderton (where I live) goes ahead it will stop residents, in the many neighbourhoods across Chadderton, from having their own legally recognised forum for their community. Chadderton is a huge area and we need the ability to be able to tell OMBC what we need and what we want as part of the democratic process. All the wards have different needs and concerns one size doesn't fit all.</p> <p>Is Chadderton Partnership right</p>

		<p>Is this the group we want to be the only voice of Chadderton. I am not convinced. As far as I am aware as a Chadderton Resident they have never communicated with me nor have spoken about the issues that have concerned residents like me. Apparently, a public meeting was held on 3 April to discuss this matter. Not sure where this was advertised but I don't think it was very public It certainly wasn't circulated to our local community or I would have been there. What have this group been actively involved in? I found the constitution on line and very little else. Given this I feel they will not be able to represent such a large group of residents successfully and give us a meaningful voice. Communication seems to be an issue here. The membership is not mainly based on residents or local businesses either and I don't feel it is representative. It feels more like a historical group that represented Chadderton in the past. We need a new dynamic communicative group that represents Chadderton as it is now.</p> <p><b>Political Steer</b> Chadderton Partnership seems to have a strong councillor membership which could potentially conflict with residents' interests. As we have seen on controversial votes e.g. Clayton Playing Fields, Chadderton's Greenbelt etc, members can be potentially directed to vote along certain lines and it has caused issues and not been aligned to a good proportion of resident's views or feelings.</p> <p><b>Resident Led</b> I prefer a neighbourhood forum to be totally resident led. It is important to have Local Authority membership but not as a lead role or as a steer. OMBC need to know what the resident's views are warts and all.</p> <p><b>Greenbelt issues</b> The Chadderton Partnership view and the Local Authority views on the GMSF plans, which includes the removal of Chadderton's greenbelt may not align with resident views so how can this be recognised in this group? Many residents like me oppose this and my view will not be represented as we know the local authority and many council members support this. How can I be represented there? We need an organisation that is fit for purpose and democratic in this.</p> <p><b>Independence</b> There have been some concerns about the independence of Chadderton Partnership. I do not want the either officers or members to be able to pull the teeth of the Forum. It is important for any</p>
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C Gallier		Both	<p>I have lived in Chadderton for 11 years. I have not heard of this forum, not seen anything to tell me I could join, what they are doing, the purpose but they sound like they can speak on my behalf. This needs to be shown and available to All residents and I want to be able to have a say.</p>
C Nicholson		Both	<p>Just a note to confirm that I wish to register my opposition for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation. I do not believe that the Chadderton as a large town should be treated as a single neighbourhood for this purpose.</p>
C Garrity		Both	<p>I refer to the consultation regarding “The Chadderton Partnership” application for designated area and designated forum status.</p> <p>This application was submitted by “Chadderton Together” a group that is not representative of the whole of the three constitutional wards of Chadderton. They have not been democratically elected by the constituents to represent the constituents of the three wards, indeed this group have even stopped any individual from being involved if they are considered to be dissident.</p>

		<p>The constitution proposed is not fit for purpose; it devolves power down to a small group of persons. It also lists quorums that are too small for the serious nature of the business that will be undertaken and the several thousand constituents that could be affected by decisions.</p> <p>6.4 of the constitution gives unaccountable power to the “management committee” A forum should be open to any person in the constituency that has a view on any proposed business of the partnership. A membership should not be refused on a presumption.</p> <p>Based on the above I strongly object to the approval of the applications.</p> <p>I refer to the OMBC consultation regarding the application by the group The Chadderton Partnership for a designated area and a designated forum for the entire area of Chadderton.</p> <p>In the Application statement there is reference to an appended document stating and naming a list of 21 committed persons and the areas resided in. This document is an essential element of the consultation, as it gives the citizens of Chadderton the information to ascertain that all areas are represented regarding locations ethnicity equality etc as in OMBC constitution.</p> <p>As the persons referred to be acting under the localism act and entering into the public domain, they should not be entitled to anonymity.</p> <p>As the consultation ends soon 28th August I ask that the document be published urgently on the council consultation portal.</p> <p>I would also be obliged if a copy of that document be emailed to me for my perusal.</p> <p>Why were the additional documents referred to in the second paragraph of the application statement not included in the consultation?</p> <p>What authority gave the group Chadderton together to be selective on who they would consult and who they would not consult regarding forming a partnership Several Large businesses and thousands of residents are even now not aware of this proposed partnership.</p> <p>What authority did Chadderton Together have to form a partnership group, constitution and committee without involving all the residents of the designated area, therefore not giving an opportunity to nominate a representative of their choice?</p> <p>To give a committee the power to refuse or end a membership without a prescribed criterion such as dishonesty, criminal or violent behaviour is neither democratic nor fair. I have applied to be a member of The Chadderton Partnership via OMBC consultation web page. I have been invited to the face book page “The Chadderton Partnership.</p> <p>As there is only the minimum number of 21 persons committed to become members, through the medium of that page I expressed a wish to be added to the list of committed members and also to be a member of the “focus Group”. This post has been deleted .</p>
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C Jones		Both	<p>Please take this email as no support for 'The Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood Forum' to create a 'neighbourhood plan' for Chadderton.</p> <p>The people behind this partnership have been too secretive, have not shared the names of the 21 members of The group who would be leading the partnership and are unresponsive to questions from the public around their plans. If this unprofessional and rude manner is how they are starting out then I do not wish for them to have any say in how this community is run.</p>
C Jones		Both	<p>As residents of Chadderton.</p> <p>We object to the designation of Chadderton Partnership as a neighbourhood forum and Chadderton as a neighbourhood area. Reasons for our objection include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consultation not properly advertised</li> <li>2. Membership of group not open to all. Their constitution enables them to vet members</li> <li>3. No evidence that it's 21 members are active, or that they come from areas across Chadderton</li> <li>4. Group not inclusive of residents- no engagement in developing plans, no public meetings, etc.</li> <li>5. Group led by councillors and dominated by one political party, which is contrary to legal requirements.</li> <li>6. Area too large- planning guidance for indicative neighbourhood area is 5,500. The whole of Chadderton is almost 7 times larger than this at 35,000</li> <li>7. Chadderton is made up of numerous neighbourhoods not just one. Chadderton Partnership do not provide any justifiable reason for treating this diverse area as one neighbourhood.</li> <li>8. Chadderton Partnership's application fails to describe the general characteristics of this diverse area, as is required. This reflects the fact that the area is too large and that they have not engaged with the 35,000 residents.</li> <li>9. National evidence strongly indicates that very large neighbourhood forums struggle to be effective. Forums of just over 20,000 have been beset with problems, it is therefore logical to assume that a forum for 35,000 residents is destined to fail. It will be ineffective, it will not be capable of giving residents a genuine voice. It should not be permitted.</li> </ol> <p>The local authority should determine that this group is not a suitable, or desirable 'relevant body', and that the area of Chadderton, with a population of 35,000 is not an appropriate neighbourhood area.</p>



C Raftery		Both	<p>I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.</p> <p>Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.</p>
C Roberts		Both	<p>Please accept this email as an objection in the strongest terms with regards to a group known as The Chadderton Partnership becoming one Neighbourhood Forum on the behalf of the whole of Chadderton! It is unacceptable to have one group controlling the whole of Chadderton!</p> <p>Please also except this as an extremely strong objection to proposed plans for warehouses being built on the greenbelt behind Chadderton Park which would eradicate vast swathes of green belt land devastating the local landscape forever. There should be 'very special circumstances' to allow building on green belt, this is not a special circumstance, this is devastation. The habitat for local wildlife would be wiped out. Roe deer are regularly seen along with buzzards and kestrels which are attracted by the natural habitat of the prey animals. Ground nesting birds are fully evident on the marshy land. This habitat will be destroyed under these proposals. The public use this greenbelt as a de-stress and for a sense of well being.</p> <p>The Campaign of rural England has estimated that 1,4 million houses can be built on brownfield sites. There are ample brownfield sites in Oldham, why are these not being developed? For a town centre to thrive you need further regeneration and people living in it.</p>
C Rogers		Both	<p>I object to the granting of this group, having full control over all of Chadderton. This is because in the group/ forum you have landowners, money/power vested interest with house building, the group has members with political bias. Also no invite for local residents of Chadderton North to join or outline of the groups plan. How do we know ie locals they have followed all legal requirements. Again how can a group covering the whole of Chadderton be a local focus group, whom has seen their agenda. Note I object to a group having control power and making decisions for local residents without being voted into position. Whom heads up this group?</p>

C Tansley		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <p>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and 2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</p> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <p>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990)</p> <p>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</p> <p>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership form a single political party.</p> <p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <p>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have failed to engage with the 35,000 residents living in the area.</p> <p>2. Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G)</p> <p>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section 1. above refers).</p> <p>ii. An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this. The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</p>
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D Cadman		Both	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I would like to formally object to the Chadderton Partnership. As a resident I do not feel that this group would accurately represent my views or the views of my family. I feel that they have too many close ties to a political party to be objective and independent from government/ council agendas. After reading the constitution available of the Oldham.gov website, I feel that there is a large focus on development, and I have grave concerns about further developments on greenbelt land within the Chadderton area. Furthermore, I do not believe that one group can accurately represent a diverse population of 40,000+ residents. A neighbourhood group needs to be able to listen and respond to the residents for which is it representing. The Chadderton Partnership have not tried to community with residents of Chadderton about what their proposals are, and I fear that this is because they do not have their best interests at heart.</p>
D Dennis		Both	<p>This email contains concerns I have about the group known as The Chadderton Partnership. I understand this group has applied to be designated as a neighbourhood Forum The whole of Chadderton, (nearly 40K) is hardly a neighbourhood. It's much too large and unwieldy to be beneficial for the residents of Chadderton.</p> <p>The group that would better represent our area of North Chadderton, would be the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum. This group would represent only 7K and fulfils the image of a local neighbourhood!</p> <p>I object to the application of The Chadderton Partnership to be considered as a neighbourhood forum for Chadderton. Several smaller forums would better serve the residents of Chadderton.</p>
D Drinkwater		Both	<p>Please register my vote against the Chadderton Partnership</p> <p>I have concerns that whilst they have advertised via the council website a membership option, I have not heard back from them about my applying to join. If they are unable to process applications during covid then why is this process going ahead.</p>

			<p>As a community activist of long standing I was horrified to see that I only got a first contact about this in the middle of July. I was involved with the South Chadderton community forum many years ago, and am in touch with Zoe Tindall at the Chadderton district, but had not been sent ANYTHING about this Chadderton Partnership.</p> <p>It is improper for this to go ahead under these circumstances of a secret organisation being pushed through at this time.</p> <p>From Objective: The group is described as a "A residents group " whilst they may be resident, almost all are involved with the local labour party at some level, either former councillors, or active within the labour group in some way. This is wrong! The group does not, nor has not, ever advertised itself to members of the former south Chadderton community council. This consultation was the first thing I have heard about this group. Excluding people from the process prior to this has meant it feels very much like a closed shop, that would remain so to some residents.</p> <p>I feel the area involved is too big. The wards are separate wards, with quite different needs, and should not be included on masse. I have not heard of this partnership until this consultation, despite being on many mailing lists, social media pages, and feel it has been rushed through. This decision should be taken when people can come together to debate the issues in person after covid. South Chadderton is often forgotten and we feel we would be lost within this large forum.</p>
D Hawkins		Both	<p>I am a resident of Chadderton.</p> <p>I object to the designation of Chadderton Partnership as a neighbourhood forum and Chadderton as a neighbourhood area. Reasons for my objection include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consultation not properly advertised</li> <li>2. Membership of group not open to all. Their constitution enables them to vet members</li> <li>3. No evidence that it's 21 members are active, or that they come from areas across Chadderton</li> <li>4. Group not inclusive of residents- no engagement in developing plans, no public meetings, etc.</li> <li>5. Group led by councillors and dominated by one political party, which is contrary to legal requirements.</li> <li>6. Area too large- planning guidance for indicative neighbourhood area is 5,500. The whole of Chadderton is almost 7 times larger than this at 35,000</li> <li>7. Chadderton is made up of numerous</li> </ol>

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D & D Kearney		Both	<p>(Via letter and email)</p> <p>As concerned residents of Chadderton we are writing to confirm that we OPPOSE the formation of the Chadderton Partnership group.</p> <p>A Neighbourhood Forum should, if it is to be true to its purpose, represent a neighbourhood. The definition of 'neighbourhood' in the Oxford Dictionary states that a neighbourhood is "a district or community within a town or city". Surely then, this must, by definition, rule out Chadderton Partnership. The whole of Chadderton which has a population in excess of 35,000, is not, by any stretch of the imagination or linguistic licence, a neighbourhood. It is made up of wards, which should be regarded as 'neighbourhoods.'</p> <p>We are, however, in support of the formation of an apolitical Neighbourhood Forum which will represent the opinions, views and interests of North Chadderton Ward residents, especially as it is our ward which is very attractive to certain bodies and developers for development of the greenbelt. The proposed Chair of the would-be Chadderton Partnership is a resident in North Chadderton Ward and has in the past made several attempts to develop the area in which we live, none of which have gained the support of or are popular with residents. I would suggest too that, for obvious reasons, he has a vested interest in becoming its Chair. The establishment of a Chadderton Partnership will not represent the views of residents in North Chadderton. How can it? It is too unwealdy, impersonal and biased to fulfil its purpose.</p> <p>We hope you will give due consideration to our concerns and conclude that the Chadderton Partnership is neither needed nor wanted.</p>

D & K Loftus		Both	<p>Both myself and my husband, Duncan and Katherine Loftus have lived in Chadderton all our lives. We do care about where we live and very much appreciate our Greenbelt and green spaces. We have recently found out that a meeting was held at Chadderton Town Hall where 30 people attended to see if they were interested in being part of a neighbourhood forum on 3rd April. How could this meeting have taken place during a complete lockdown and during the middle of a pandemic. Also the lack of information that anyone received regarding this meeting is completely unacceptable.</p> <p>We are not opposed to local neighbourhood forum but this should be a local one where local residents are informed about what would be proposed in the Chadderton/Healds Green area. Our strong objection is that Mr Tony Tomlinson who chaired that meeting, has a sole interest to build on greenbelt land which he owns. This we feel is the only reason he wants to head this forum. Last year there was a local meeting which Mr Tomlinson set up for local residents to see if anyone objected to planning permission for his land to build a series of houses on greenbelt. He was met with a great deal of hostility from all the local residents in Healds Green, Chadderton Fold and other surrounding areas. There were many reasons why extra housing is not needed in this area. Due the access being single track road and entry and exit points is not viable.</p> <p>Just to reiterate Mr Tony Tomlinson has a vested business interest in being part of the neighbourhood forum. Please do not let this happen.</p> <p>In future, it would be advisable to inform local residents of any future meetings regarding the above.</p>
D Mason		Both	<p>May I register my interest and align myself and household to The North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum.</p>
D O'Brien		Both	<p>I would like to put on record my objection to this unelected group. Just another example of why the word Oldham is a laughing stock around the country, top of everything that's bad!</p>
D Grandidge		Both	<p>I am registering my objection to the above group representing the interest of residents of North Chadderton and surrounds.</p> <p>The North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum application would represent this area and be better placed to deal with localised issues.</p> <p>As a North Chadderton resident I am concerned that I have not been notified of the Chadderton Partnership nor have I any idea of who would put themselves forward to make representation on local issues.</p> <p>Can someone please notify me of how and when this group was locally advertised and how the current members were decided upon.</p>

D Cummings		Both	<p>I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.</p> <p>Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.</p>
D Redmond		Both	<p>While I think a local forum to focus on Chadderton is a good idea, I am less than comfortable with the application as it stands.</p> <p>Based on the information given, there is only 1 person named publicly, although it does state a number of occupations of others.</p> <p>The application also states that neighbourhood groups were approached, but I had no knowledge of this prior to a social media post seen today. Having looked at the application, it causes me a great deal of concern that a forum whose members are unwilling to be publicly named, want to hold such a position of authority with no challenge.</p> <p>The application states that those who live, work or are active in the area were approached to become involved. I have lived in the area for 36 years and would welcome the opportunity to be involved in such a group. That opportunity had not been given.</p> <p>I also note the open town hall meeting was held during lockdown which limit those able to attend. Again, while I am sure this was not deliberate, it does not suggest an open and fair process.</p> <p>As above, I am not against the idea of this group, but the current application falls short of the open and transparent conduct I would expect from those who wish to hold this position for the community.</p> <p>My suggestion would be that more is done to show this is a group wanting to do the best for Chadderton. Those involved should have no issues with being publicly named and also reaching wider than those in their own circle, which appears to be the case. I would suggest a more transparent process is followed to re-apply. In this age of social media, it would not be difficult to allow more contribution and volunteers on this subject.</p>



D Wales		Both	<p>I wish to lodge my objection to the proposal from a little known group of people, who have thus far, remained anonymous and silent in their intentions, but have now sought to create a new partnership group for all residents in Chadderton. It is undemocratic and unethical for such underhanded attempts, regardless of the benefits that may prevail.</p> <p>I ask that the council intervene and ensure a more overt and democratic publication of this new group's intentions are made public and communicated to ALL residents in an official manner with an appropriate amount of time to digest and then respond.</p> <p>The current deadline I understand is wholly inadequate and fails to allow for proper consideration.</p>
E Ahern		Both	<p>Just a note to confirm that I wish to register my opposition for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation.</p>
E Cooper		Both	<p>I am a resident of Chadderton. I object to the designation of Chadderton Partnership as a neighbourhood forum and Chadderton as a neighbourhood area. Reasons for my objection include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consultation not properly advertised</li> <li>2. Membership of group not open to all. Their constitution enables them to vet members</li> <li>3. No evidence that it's 21 members are active, or that they come from areas across Chadderton</li> <li>4. Group not inclusive of residents- no engagement in developing plans, no public meetings, etc.</li> <li>5. Group led by councillors and dominated by one political party, which is contrary to legal requirements.</li> <li>6. Area too large- planning guidance for indicative neighbourhood area is 5,500. The whole of Chadderton is almost 7 times larger than this at 35,000</li> <li>7. Chadderton is made up of numerous neighbourhoods not just one. Chadderton Partnership do not provide any justifiable reason for treating this diverse area as one neighbourhood.</li> <li>8. Chadderton Partnership's application fails to describe the general characteristics of this diverse area, as is required. This reflects the fact that the area is too large and that they have not engaged with the 35,000 residents.</li> <li>9. National evidence strongly indicates that very large neighbourhood forums struggle to be effective. Forums of just over 20,000 have been beset with problems, it is therefore logical to assume that a forum for 35,000 residents is destined to fail. It will be ineffective, it will not be capable of giving residents a genuine voice. It should not be permitted.</li> </ol>

			The local authority should determine that this group is not a suitable, or desirable 'relevant body', and that the area of Chadderton, with a population of 35,000 is not an appropriate neighbourhood area.
E Hardaker		Both	As a resident of Chadderton I would like to object to the setting up of the group called Chadderton Partnership. My main reason is I feel that a group who claim to be Non - Political are not being transparent. We do not know who they are, if any have a political connection and therefore a conflict of interest and also how can they represent all of Chadderton?
E Dixon		Both	I have been informed about the current application chaired by Tony Tomlinson. I deeply object to this application. I strongly believe that the neighbourhood forums should be run by local residents who actually care about our greenbelt areas and our neighbourhoods and not by people who are driven by greed and money. Chadderton is renowned for its beautiful countryside and to even think about building on these areas is criminal. GREENBELT means greenbelt, you are not allowed to build on these areas, we do not need anymore houses in our area, Oldham has become a horrible place to live, Chadderton will end up the same if selfish people try to overturn the greenbelt protection. I have lived here all life, when I visit Oldham I am so angry and upset that my home town has turned into what it HAS. No way are you doing that to Chadderton. Please ensure this objection is recorded to support " save Chadderton greenbelt" People that have lived here all their lives have had ENOUGH, this area has gone down hill so fast but why should we move, we are not, we are going to fight to protect OUR GREENBELT.
E Mansfield		Both	I am absolutely against the forum that is being formed, the feeling in Healds green is that under no circumstances are we to be involved in this, This is going on while covid is prominent. The main objection to this in the village is we would be losing our rights when decisions are being made in the future. Please exclude Healds green in any future plans!
E Nuttall		Both	I am writing to object to the The Chadderton Partnership. I do not believe it is viable or indeed fair for them to control the entirety of Chadderton as one Neighbourhood Forum.

E Ward		Both	<p>I object to Chadderton Partnership becoming the designated neighbourhood forum for the whole of the Chadderton area. The Chadderton Partnership group membership is not representative of my neighbourhood and I do not believe it will represent either my opinions and views or the opinions and views of the local people.</p> <p>It is likely that the political and local authority allegiances of group members will conflict with residents' views in different neighbourhoods across Chadderton. This is not acceptable, the purpose of neighbourhood forums is to ensure that residents do have an independent voice in the public arena.</p> <p>I object to the whole of Chadderton being treated as one neighbourhood for the following reasons :- The proposed area is too large, a single forum would not effectively listen to, understand, or represent the voices of all the residents in the different neighbourhoods across Chadderton. It is not one neighbourhood it is many and the proposal would be unworkable.</p> <p>If the whole area is treated as one neighbourhood, then it stops the local residents establishing legitimate neighbourhood forums for their neighbourhood areas in the future. This is not acceptable.</p>
E Whitehead		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and</li> <li>2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</li> <li>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

			<p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <p>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have failed to engage with the 35,000 residents living in the area.</p> <p>2. Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G)</p> <p>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section 1. above refers).</p> <p>ii. An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this. The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Guidance (updated May 2020) explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced under the Localism Act, including required key stages and considerations.</p> <p>i. National Neighbourhood Planning Guidance identifies an average population of 5,500 as an appropriate starting point for a neighbourhood area. National evidence and case studies, including through The Local Government Association, identify the success of small neighbourhood forum areas, in comparison to larger areas.</p> <p>ii. It is evident that existing, large neighbourhood areas, although considerably smaller than the 35,000 population area proposed here, are beset with problems.</p> <p>iii. The excessive size of the Chadderton area population, which is almost 7 times (636.4%) greater than the indicative size for a neighbourhood area, presents the almost certain risk of failure. This problem is compounded because there is already friction between residents across Chadderton and the Chadderton Partnership group.</p> <p>iv. Any application, made by a 'relevant body', to designate Chadderton as a single neighbourhood should be refused by the planning authority on the grounds that this would be an inappropriate area. The size of the population and the range of neighbourhoods and communities across Chadderton cannot be fairly, or adequately, represented by a single forum.</p>
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			<p>Town and Country Planning Act 1990, section 61G(2) and Schedule 4C(5)(1) (as amended, for a description of 'relevant body').</p> <p>i. This provides that the local planning authority should take into account the relevant body's statement explaining why the area applied for is considered appropriate to be designated as such.</p> <p>ii. The statement made by Chadderton Partnership does not provide any rationale or justification for treating Chadderton as a single neighbourhood area. As such the local planning authority should refuse the application to designate this as a single neighbourhood area.</p> <p>Please refer to the group objection submitted by the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum for further detail in relation to each of these points of law.</p>
F Carlisle		Both	<p>I am at a loss to understand how a town of nearly 40 thousand people can be described as a 'neighbourhood'. The geography of Chadderton lends itself to at least four areas using Broadway/Middleton Rd as the centre. Residents at the South end of Chadderton will have little or no interest in the happenings of the northern part and it would be the same if the positions were reversed. This would lead to a lack of interest by residents and allow a single Forum to do what it wants virtually unchallenged. It is surely preferable to have a forum that is more focused on a smaller area than one charged with the responsibility of looking after the whole area. Oldham Council I would have thought have that role. I consider that a real 'local' forum would result in closer interest and scrutiny. I am opposed to the proposals of the The Chadderton Partnership and would be obliged if you could register my disagreement. I should add that if four forums was considered too many then 2 forums representing North and South Chadderton would be more beneficial than one forum.</p>
G Furness		Both	<p>I am writing to object to the Chadderton Partnership being given the official designation as the sole arbiter for planning decisions in the Town of Chadderton in the form of the 'Neighbourhood Forum'</p> <p>I am writing to object for the following reasons:</p> <p>The consultation period has not been adequately advertised and has failed to inform local residents. The 'Chadderton Partnerships' constitution and membership is exclusive and I believe breaches the 'Equalities Act 2010' given that such a group should be inclusive to all residents. Additionally, the Government guidance on this matter states that any proposal for a Neighbourhood Forum should have an open membership policy.</p> <p>The members of the aforementioned group have advised that this 'consultation' is and I quote a "vote". Therefore given that this came from a member of the committee who has advised this, I take that as an explicit acknowledgement that they are balloting residents in order to mandate the group</p>

			<p>in order to give it a legal legitimacy and that this has been fully endorsed by Oldham Council to support the creation of a Neighbourhood Forum without widespread public consent.</p> <p>Therefore, I contest that this is neither legal nor legitimate given that there has not been enough notice, the ballot is insecure and there is no impartial third party overseeing this to validate this request.</p> <p>I have had no information emailed or posted to me advising me who sits on the 'Chadderton Partnership', what the aims of this partnership are and why they want a 'Neighbourhood Forum'. The 'Neighbourhood Forum' is far too big and it is contested by a more established local group, I believe that I should have the choice to decide whether I want a Town wide forum or an actual neighbourhood forum. To be given an uncontested request to approve or not it is undemocratic. I believe that the Chadderton Partnership lacks any legitimacy given they failed to advertise their Annual General Meeting to all registered electors in the three Wards of Chadderton. This excluded the majority of the Towns residents.</p> <p>For the reasons listed above I wish to register my objection to the Chadderton Partnership</p>
G Griffiths		Both	<p>I writing to object at Chadderton Partnership to represent Chadderton as a Neighbourhood forum. I don't agree with there only being one group to represent all of Chadderton and I think there is too much of a link to Oldham council with the members of the committee and a conflict of interest with some members owning land who would benefit from selling to build on the green belt and therefore I do not support them and wouldn't want them representing me.</p>
G Killackey		Both	<p>I am emailing to officially lodge objections to the Chadderton Partnership. The conception, communication and management of this group have been shady and secretive from the start. There is no room for people with such agendas in Chadderton.</p> <p>Further, it is quite apparent that there are at least 4 Labour links in this group, therefore political bias is an issue.</p>
G McKeogh		Both	<p>I am writing to state my objection to the neighbourhood forum application submitted by 'The Chadderton Partnership'.</p> <p>It cannot reasonably be argued that the three wards proposed (Chadderton North, Chadderton Central and Chadderton South) in any way constitute a 'neighbourhood'. With almost 40,000 residents within these diverse wards, individual and collective views and priorities are bound to differ greatly. It is essential that more localised groups are given the opportunity to represent the varied communities they serve within the area. Surely a more collaborative approach such as this should be fostered? I have no doubt it would prove more effective in ensuring the views of residents are valued and balanced when considering how local developments will affect us all.</p>

			<p>As a resident within Chadderton North, I have significant concerns regarding proposed developments within the area. While I appreciate the need for additional, affordable housing within the borough, I also believe it is essential to retain the character of existing communities without disadvantaging those already residing within them. One such mooted proposal for development, supported by a member of 'The Chadderton Partnership', would see extensive housing built within the Healds Green area of Chadderton North. This has already met with significant local opposition, with residents worried about the additional demands it would place upon the limited infrastructure around the site among countless other issues. When reviewing this application, members of Oldham Council must consider their duty to safeguard communities such as this - popular within the area, not just with those who live there but with the walkers, joggers, bike riders, individuals and families who access the area for the benefit of their physical and mental health on a daily basis. This neighbourhood forum application may be nothing more than an attempt to circumvent the legitimate concerns of residents for personal gain. As stated on the Oldham Council website, Neighbourhood Development Orders enable 'communities' to grant planning permission for development and building operations. Due to the clear conflict of interest this application raises between individual profit and the preservation of vital greenbelt land, a prime concern for locals, I do not feel confident that this forum group will accurately represent or prioritise the views of residents such as myself.</p> <p>I feel that supporting such an application would ultimately be to the detriment of the area and that Oldham Council have a duty to ensure that neighbourhood forums are ethical and beyond reproach. I hope such views will be considered in good faith as part of this consultation process.</p>
G Freeman		Both	<p>I wish to raise my objections to the imminent plan to bring the whole of Chadderton under this umbrella. Chadderton North is a distinctly different area and strategically separate from Chadderton South. In fact much of the area does not even share a postcode with South Chadderton's OL9. We are seeing what is happening in the Foxdenton area with the emphasis on new 3 and 4 bedroom homes but not many people are aware that the area will be blighted by the inclusion of industrial units.</p> <p>Greenbelt is rapidly disappearing for the people of Chadderton. During lockdown many citizens enjoyed their exercise in the North Chadderton area and Chadderton Park.</p> <p>Traffic is already heavy in North Chadderton area and will be increased by the large number of properties and industrial units being built on Fox Meadow. We just cannot tolerate what will soon be the only greenbelt left for the people Chadderton by allowing a group of people who are not representative of the North Chadderton area to make decisions which affect our lifestyle and</p>

			<p>potentially property prices and traffic levels. There are so many reasons why it is unfair not to have separate bodies for these very different locations of North and South Chadderton and along with many of my neighbours I would support a plea for separate Neighbourhood Forums so that the decisions and plans made are appropriate and representative of their own neighbourhood.</p> <p>Across Government devolution is becoming the order of the day for the specific reason that local people are best placed know the needs and requirements of the area in which they live. "One size fits all" is becoming recognised as problematic across the UK. Things work best when they are planned by people on the ground and the citizens of both North and South Chadderton have a right to operate and plan in the best interests of their local neighbourhood.</p>
G Hull		Both	<p>I would like to register an objection to the above partnership on the grounds of lack of information being available to the residents of Healds green DURING LOCKDOWN and would like all decisions come to a halt due to covid 19 restrictions until people can meet and discuss the best way forward as a resident of Healds green.</p>
G Kelly		Both	<p>I wish to register my opposition for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation</p>
G Mansfield		Both	<p>I am totally opposed to the Chadderton partnership representing Healds Green, over the last forty five years the residents have always resolved any problems that have arisen. By agreeing to this partnership we are relinquishing the power to oppose any planning application and also ultimate decision if a dispute occurs. This should never have taken place during a global pandemic and should be postponed until the pandemic is over.</p>
G Sadowski		Both	<p>I wish to formally object to the Chadderton Partnership, they do not represent me as a community group. I feel a group that is to speak for the local residents should be truly independent and have no association with any political party whether that is Labour, conservatives or Lib Dems.</p> <p>Chadderton Partnership objection.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CP had first meeting in April (2019 maybe) where the committee was decided. This was neither publicly advertised and no minutes have been shared of this meeting despite many requests from different residents.</li> <li>2. The CP formally formed in January 2020, yet it's taken until 12th August 2020 to start a Facebook page and make themselves known to residents who's voices they are planning to listen to.</li> <li>3. This has in turn given us a short time to look into the group as the deadline for objections is Friday 28th August.</li> </ol>



			<p>4. Despite several attempts from different members of the estate and surrounding Chadderton areas, CP haven't been responsive to any questions- EXCEPT the list I asked which was answered on the yellow posted response this week.</p> <p>5. The failure to share committee named members other than the ones on the council website.</p> <p>6. The lack of engagement from CP with residents in any shape way of form.</p>
G Moore		Both	<p>Regarding: Proposed Designation of Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum and Area I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership (CP) assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum, Chadderton, and</li> <li>2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>Some of the legal requirements of a neighbourhood forum are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A purpose that reflects the character of the area in general terms</li> </ul> <p>The area CP has defined for inclusion is too diverse with several different needs and CP could not efficiently and fairly deal with each area's individual needs. Planning guidance provides that the size of an appropriate population should be around 5,500 therefore serving a population of circa 35,000 would probably be unworkable, diluting the needs and efficacy of dealing with issues for each area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A membership open to people living and working in the area, and elected members for the area</li> </ul> <p>Item 6.4 of CP's constitution states that it "shall have the right to refuse membership or may terminate or suspend the membership of any member", therefore membership would not be open and inclusive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 21 members from the above groups.</li> </ul> <p>Item 6.6 in CP's constitution acknowledges this and their application statement paragraph 2, states CP has a membership of 21. However, there is no indication or reference to the demographics of these members – where they live or their connection or interest in Chadderton or how they were enlisted. Allegedly they cannot be named under GDPR regulations, surely if they are genuine and committed to promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of Chadderton, and are proud to be associated with CP, issuing a list of members should not be a problem.</p> <p>Good Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is deemed as good practice to try and make sure the membership of the neighbourhood forum reflects the character and diversity of the local population. CP has not been able to verify this.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In order to make the process of proposing to prepare a neighbourhood plan open, inclusive and transparent, publicity and awareness-raising activities to let people know that a neighbourhood plan is proposed should be undertaken. This can be achieved by producing newsletters and placing notices in public buildings and shops thus promoting community engagement and should include pre-submission consultation on the draft plan. As a resident of North Chadderton and a business owner of Chadderton Central I have not been made aware of this proposed submission. In CP's proposal there is no mention of methods by which they undertook to publicise their intentions.</li> <li>• Key stakeholders and local partners should be approached as they have a particular interest in the area. In CP's proposal there is no clarification of methods by which they undertook to achieve this.</li> </ul> <p>Areas of concern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If CP did target a meaningful, diverse and valid cross section of the local population for inclusion in the pre-submission discussions and information, the attendance of just 30 people at the meeting on 3rd April (no year stated) is poor and cannot accurately or fairly represent the views of 35,000 residents.</li> <li>• CP appears to be mainly connected to one political party. There is no mention of approaches to members or candidates from other political parties. This is undemocratic and not diverse.</li> <li>• The legal requirements for local authorities to hold public meetings in person were relaxed by the government from Saturday April 4 2020. How then, was the meeting in Chadderton Town Hall on 3rd April (no year) allowed to go ahead and were local Councillors present?</li> <li>• CP state that, of the 21 members, 4 are local Labour Councillors are members of the group. This seems disproportionate. These Councillors have openly supported the development of green belt for warehousing and housing which is contra to the views of many Chadderton residents as demonstrated by the Rallies to Tandle Hills in January 2017 and March 2019, in which many Chadderton residents took part.</li> <li>• It would appear that the second meeting in April presumably 2020 and any canvassing/publicity undertaken has been carried out in periods of lockdown, national and local meaning much information needed by the residents of Chadderton would have been unavailable or inaccessible by many of the 35,000 residents CP says it wishes to represent.</li> </ul> <p>In conclusion CP's application does not provide a robust, transparent and democratic proposal for their designation as a Neighbourhood Forum.</p>
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H Griffin		Both	<p>I would like to register my objections against the Chadderton Partnership group to be established as a Neighbourhood Forum for Chadderton. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.</p> <p>Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.</p>
H Ford		Both	<p>I would like to register my objections against the establishing of the Chadderton Partnership as the sole neighbourhood forum for Chadderton.</p> <p>I object because I believe the proposed Chadderton Partnership does not present a proper democratic forum and has not been transparent since its establishment and provided information about its meetings to date.</p> <p>The first I have heard or seen anything about this was via information provided by a local neighbour. I am registered with OMBC for information regarding local democracy issues and have seen nor received no information at all regarding the Chadderton Partnership.</p> <p>I therefore object strongly to this without being informed sufficiently and allowed to scrutinise the interests of members of this group.</p>
H Field		Both	<p>I wish to register my objection to the Chadderton Partnership becoming the sole neighbourhood forum across the three Chadderton wards.</p>
H McBurns		Both	<p>Please take this email as my objection to the Chadderton partnership being anyway involved in the Chadderton neighbourhood plan. Chadderton is too vast of an area to have one neighbourhood forum and any members should not be elected councillors or anyone involved with the council on the board. This should be run for and by Chadderton residents only.</p>
I Lockett		Both	<p>I support a Neighbourhood Forum which is run by residents for residents. This group does not meet that requirement. It is apparent that a local landowner wishes to build housing on greenbelt land. This local landowner is also the chair of the proposed Chadderton partnership. This seems to be a conflict of interest and as a resident of Chadderton I object strongly to this being allowed</p>
I Woodward		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and 2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p>

			<p>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990)</p> <p>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</p> <p>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party.</p> <p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <p>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have failed to engage with the 35,000 residents living in the area.</p> <p>2. Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G)</p> <p>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section 1. above refers).</p> <p>ii. An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this. The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Guidance (updated May 2020) explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced under the Localism Act, including required key stages and considerations.</p> <p>i. National Neighbourhood Planning Guidance identifies an average population of 5,500 as an appropriate starting point for a neighbourhood area. National evidence and case studies, including through The Local Government Association, identify the success of small neighbourhood forum areas, in comparison to larger areas.</p>
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J& P Whiteley		Both	<p>We wish to object to the formation of the proposed Forum for the whole of Chadderton -it should be the villagers and nearby residents who decide what goes on in this village area. We also think we should have a meeting after the Covid Lockdown is lifted to discuss this matter.</p>
J Ball		Both	<p>The proposed Chadderton Partnership covers far too large an area. Chadderton has many different types of areas and as so should be represented by several smaller groups. The issues that need to be addressed in for example, South Chadderton, will be completely different to the needs of people in North Chadderton.</p> <p>Also, this group is too closely affiliated to the council. Too many people with connections to the council are supporting this group.</p>
Joan Barton		Both	<p>A group known as The Chadderton Partnership (members of Chadderton Together and Labour councillors past and present chaired by Tony Tomlinson)</p>

			<p>have applied to be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum, if this happens one group will have a say about the whole of Chadderton (nearly 40k) which cannot be described as a neighbourhood and would prevent any other residents' forum being designated including the current application for our own North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum (7k)</p> <p>I OBJECT TO THE CHADDERTON PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION described above.</p>
J Wood		Both	<p>I am emailing to put forward my objection to the proposed Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood forum for the following reasons;</p> <p>The attempt to engage residents prior to the consultation was very poor.</p> <p>The holding of a Public Consultation during a pandemic was very short-sighted, harmful and ill-advised.</p> <p>The Chadderton area is strategically too large to be considered a suitable and manageable "neighbourhood"</p> <p>There was a distinct lack of information provided by the 21 members, therefore how could we be certain of their suitable credentials.</p> <p>The fact that The Chadderton Partnership constitution states at"6.4 "Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the purpose and principles of the Partnership, the Management Committee shall have the power to refuse membership or may terminate or suspend the membership of any member by a resolution passed at a meeting." This suggests that it wouldn't have an open membership and potentially unavailable to all Chadderton residents, which clearly could lead to a biased outlook.</p> <p>It has also been advised that the Chair could potentially have a conflict of interests. Looking at the few members named, it does appear that they have a political slant and therefore it could lead to partisan decisions.</p> <p>Also if this forum was designated this would mean no other forum could be designated in the future, which would be detrimental and restrictive to Chadderton residents that may have different ideas/opinions to those appointed - especially if their ideologies do not conform to those in charge of the group. Also given the apparent political leaning of the proposed members is this group diverse enough in its political outlook?</p>
J Harthill		Both	<p>I object to the proposed plans by the Chadderton Partnership group to apply to be the designated Neighbourhood Forum. I do not believe they have been transparent with their plans with vague statements and no timelines. They have not revealed all 21 members of the group, and the ones that have been revealed own land and are ex-politicians.</p>

			<p>A Neighbourhood Forum should be non-political, and I do not see how claiming the whole of Chadderton as a neighbourhood is right. They cannot speak for the whole of Chadderton in this capacity. I believe Chadderton should be represented by smaller Neighbourhood Forums to better reflect the communities that live within and can perform better improvements in smaller areas. It would not be correct to class the neighbourhood that is Firwood Park and South Chadderton as the same place for example.</p> <p>Once again, I object to the Chadderton Partnership completely and put towards my support for the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum fully. I feel better represented by this group and they have the areas interest at heart.</p>
J McCormack		Both	<p>I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices. Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.</p>
J & P Briggs		Both	<p>In our opinion, designating all of the Chadderton wards as the area, is too large. This is because the different wards have different needs. If the aim of the forum is to develop greater involvement of local people in the planning process, then we believe people are more galvanised, when planning issues arise on their own doorsteps, and not in some unknown area of Chadderton. If the forum area is to include all the wards of Chadderton, then this would seem to merely duplicate, the existing political council structure of the Chadderton wards, with the elected councillors of these wards already having an input, into any planning issues which arise. Therefore, we believe the council should turn down this application, on the grounds we have outlined, and await possible future applications of more discrete areas within Chadderton.</p>
J McLaughlin		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and</li> <li>2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990)</li> </ol>

			<p>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</p> <p>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party.</p> <p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <p>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have failed to engage with the 35,000 residents living in the area.</p> <p>2. Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G)</p> <p>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section 1. above refers).</p> <p>ii. An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this. The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Guidance (updated May 2020) explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced under the Localism Act, including required key stages and considerations.</p> <p>i. National Neighbourhood Planning Guidance identifies an average population of 5,500 as an appropriate starting point for a neighbourhood area. National evidence and case studies, including through The Local Government Association, identify the success of small neighbourhood forum areas, in comparison to larger areas.</p> <p>ii. It is evident that existing, large neighbourhood areas, although considerably smaller than the 35,000 population area proposed here, are beset with problems.</p>
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			<p>iii. The excessive size of the Chadderton area population, which is almost 7 times (636.4%) greater than the indicative size for a neighbourhood area, presents the almost certain risk of failure. This problem is compounded because there is already friction between residents across Chadderton and the Chadderton Partnership group.</p> <p>iv. Any application, made by a 'relevant body', to designate Chadderton as a single neighbourhood should be refused by the planning authority on the grounds that this would be an inappropriate area. The size of the population and the range of neighbourhoods and communities across Chadderton cannot be fairly, or adequately, represented by a single forum.</p> <p>Town and Country Planning Act 1990, section 61G(2) and Schedule 4C(5)(1) (as amended, for a description of 'relevant body').</p> <p>i. This provides that the local planning authority should take into account the relevant body's statement explaining why the area applied for is considered appropriate to be designated as such.</p> <p>ii. The statement made by Chadderton Partnership does not provide any rationale or justification for treating Chadderton as a single neighbourhood area. As such the local planning authority should refuse the application to designate this as a single neighbourhood area.</p> <p>Please refer to the group objection submitted by the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum for further detail in relation to each of these points of law.</p>
J Vince		Both	<p>I believe that the area proposed by the Chadderton Partnership is too large to be considered for a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>For a Neighbourhood Forum to work effectively it will need the support of all the residents. From their constitution dated 23 January 2020 I don't think this will be the case. I can't see how they can claim legitimacy to represent all the three Chadderton wards or who the other members of their Partnership are. I feel there may be a conflict of interest in the membership of 'The Chadderton Partnership'</p>
J Simpson		Both	<p>I sent an email on 16 August 2020 in which I asked for information regarding the Chadderton Partnership. You chose not to answer my questions but to treat my request as an objection. This gives me little confidence that you actually read correspondence but just in case please consider this my objection to the setting up of the above group as the sole focus for planning decisions in Chadderton.</p> <p>I was surprised to see that this group were so advanced in its formation given that no information was given anywhere obvious about its inception. Lockdown ensured that the library and similar sources of local activities were closed and Facebook sites held no mention until very recently. This</p>

			<p>could be considered somewhat underhand and has left the general public in Chadderton without a voice.</p> <p>Information about the membership of this new panel is difficult to access when best practice in setting up neighbourhood focus is quite clear in that there should be a route for access to all. I understand that there has been a vote to endorse the group. I should be grateful if you could provide details of who has been balloted, how and when.</p> <p>Again looking at best practice, this is far too big a group and would represent too large and diverse an area. Most successful neighbourhood forums appear to work for smaller areas or less diverse regions. I have no idea what the aims are for the separate and quite different areas of Chadderton. I understand that several local councillors are on this group which also defies best practice and it feels as though OMBC is having 2 bites of the planning cherry.</p> <p>One of the planners to be involved is related to one of these councillors.</p> <p>The proposed chairman is a local businessman who currently has an opposed planning application pending to build on Green Belt land. This surely leads to an overwhelming suggestion of bias.</p> <p>On all of these grounds please consider this my objection to the Chadderton Partnership.</p>
J Tilstone		Both	<p>I do not agree with this designation. The population within this area is far larger than other neighbourhood areas &amp; is thus not in the spirit of Neighbourhood Planning. Such a large footprint &amp; population undermines the opportunity for proper engagement with local people. It appears that the applicants have made little effort to engage local people to inform them of this proposal, which undermines confidence in the likelihood of proper public engagement in any future planning process.</p>
J Carnes		Both	<p>I would like to register my objection to the application by the Chadderton Partnership. As a North Chadderton resident, it would be more appropriate to be represented by a local group, who could provide focused and relevant views, on my behalf and local residents in North Chadderton. For example, the application for the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum.</p>
J Collins		Both	<p>I would like to formally object to The Chadderton Partnership being designated as a neighbourhood forum as I feel that forums should be set for each individual Chadderton Ward to produce a more localised membership. This would ensure local voices are heard and opinions included to produce a more locally balanced view in any future planning decisions.</p>

J Murray		Both	<p>I wish to support North Chadderton Forum's application to represent the people of North Chadderton in any future plans to develop this area. I believe that this organisation will truly represent the opinions of the people living in this part of Chadderton.</p> <p>I know that another organisation called the Chadderton Partnership has applied to become designated as the Neighbourhood Forum for the whole of Chadderton. I do not believe that this organisation will be able to represent the special wishes and needs of people in North Chadderton because they may not be shared and may even be contradicted by other parts of Chadderton.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Chair of the Chadderton Partnership owns land in Healds Green, North Chadderton which is currently designated a green belt area. Last year he unveiled to local people his plans to apply to build a small housing estate on his land. He presented these plans as an important step in revitalising the locality and increasing the rate take of Oldham Council. The people of this area were sceptical about his reasoning and opposed to his plans. The plans do not seem to have been presented to Oldham's planning Department. It seems very likely, however, that they will be reactivated if this Greenbelt land is redesignated under the government's current proposals in the White Paper. Any organisation claiming to represent the people of North Chadderton must be seen to selflessly represent the interests and wishes of all those who live in the area.</p> <p>For these reasons I believe that the North Chadderton Forum is the right organisation to represent the people of North Chadderton.</p>
J Regan		Both	<p>I have lived in Chadderton for 62 years and have taken an active interest in helping the residents of the area to improve their quality of life. I was Chairman, Secretary &amp; Committee member for many years at Chadderton Football Club and worked at North Chadderton School for nearly 20 years.</p> <p>When I bought my first house in Chadderton it was an Urban District Council and rates etc were paid to Chadderton Town Hall. This all changed in the 1970's and we became part of Oldham Metro Borough. I have always believed this was a negative step for Chadderton so I really do believe The Chadderton Partnership group has a part to play in improving the area. What I do object to is the group being chaired by Mr Tony Tomlinson. He has a vested interest in his plan is to get planning permission on land he owns in Healds Green (Green Belt ) to build houses and destroy one of the only green spaces left in Chadderton. I have lived in Healds Green for close on 40 years, indeed next door to Mr Tomlinson and before that his parents and I know that they would have objected to his proposals. Yes, I have a vested interest to keep Healds Green and the surrounding area green as do a large majority of the local population who enjoy a walk in their spare time. The roads in the area will not support the traffic required to build and maintain a small housing estate.</p>

J Hall		Both	<p>I would like to oppose the Chadderton Partnership and the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation.</p> <p>This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.</p> <p>Chadderton is made up of many neighbourhoods and I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.</p>
J McBride		Both	<p>I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices. Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.</p>
J Mears		Both	<p>I write to lodge my objection to the application by the Chadderton Partnership to be the Neighbourhood Forum for the whole of Chadderton.</p> <p>I have read the objections submitted to you on behalf of the Save Chadderton Green Belt Group and wholeheartedly endorse their cogent assertions. The three wards of Chadderton cannot possibly be regarded as a single neighbourhood and this quite clearly flies in the face of the objectives of the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>It also strikes me that the application by the Chadderton Partnership, having hijacked the previous efforts of the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum, is being driven by the limited political and/or vested interests of the few, and has no legitimacy in seeking to represent the whole of Chadderton.</p>
J Jeffrey		Both	<p>Regarding the application by Chadderton Partnership (CP) as a neighbourhood forum, I hereby submit my objection to the formation of this because it is representing an area which is much too large. Success of neighbourhood forums has shown to be best when the population covered is less than 8000.</p> <p>For a group of members is CP have done very little to advertise the fact that this application is going through in the hope that it will be passed with little objection.</p>

			The membership of the group is weighted towards the Labour Party from the few names we have been able to access but we are unable to see whether it also represents the diverse culture of Chadderton.
J Morley		Both	<p>I am a North Chadderton resident and am writing to strongly object to the group The Chadderton Partnership, chaired by Tony Tomlinson, being designated as a Neighbourhood Forum for the whole of Chadderton.</p> <p>I care deeply about my neighbourhood here in North Chadderton, the area where I live, and very much value my neighbours as well as our Green Belt and green spaces.</p> <p>I feel we need North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum so we can have our own say in the future of our neighbourhood.</p>
J Snooks		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum for the whole of the Chadderton area, and</li> <li>2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: Membership must be open to individuals who live and work in the area concerned.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>The CP constitution provides that: 'Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the purpose and principles of the Partnership, the Management Committee shall have the power to refuse membership or may terminate or suspend the membership of any member by a resolution passed at a meeting.'</p>

		<p>i. This clause contravenes requirements in the regulations. It enables a committee, who have not been elected by residents, to vet membership.</p> <p>ii. It facilitates the committee's delivery of their own agenda, through the ability to remove opposing, or dissenting voices. It is contrary to the spirit and requirements concerning the inclusivity of all those living and working in the area.</p> <p>iii. The application should be refused on the grounds that membership will not be open and inclusive.</p> <p>B. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: Membership must be open to individuals who live and work in the area concerned.</p> <p>i. This group have not engaged with residents across the neighbourhoods in Chadderton to develop their forum, or this proposal: they have not opened membership to residents in developmental stages. They have excluded residents from involvement.</p> <p>ii. The groups letter of application sites a public meeting on the 3rd April, attended by 30 people. There are no attendance registers, or minutes for this meeting.</p> <p>iii. The date of this 'public' meeting at Chadderton Town Hall does not state in which year it occurred.</p> <p>iv. The 'public' meeting on 3rd April was NOT advertised to the public - for any year.</p> <p>v. It is unlikely that this 'public' meeting was held in 2019 as we have evidence that the group only began to formulate their neighbourhood plan in July 2019, after learning about the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>vi. If the public meeting was held this year, 2020, it would appear that this meeting took place during lockdown. It is very concerning that the council would permit a public gathering (which contravened lockdown requirements) on council premises, at this time.</p> <p>vii. The planning authority should question the claim that a public meeting has been held. There is an absence of clarity concerning date, attendees and the content of this meeting.</p> <p>viii. The application should be refused on the grounds that membership is not open and inclusive.</p>
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			<p>Strong alignment to single political party</p> <p>vii. The application describes that 4 members of the group are local (Labour Party) councillors. The Vice Chair of the group is an ex Labour councillor/labour party member. It has been brought to our attention that other members of this group are Labour party members.</p> <p>viii. The strong affiliation of group members to a single political party is contrary to the requirement for members to be drawn from different sections of the community.</p> <p>ix. Reinforcing the domination of this group by a single political party is the fact that all labour party members in Chadderton have been told to email OMBC to state that they support this proposal: No explanation provided, just a directive.</p> <p>x. Regulations require an inclusive range of members from different parts of the area and sections of the community. This ensures a democratic process. The strong allegiance of this group to the labour party will prevent a democratic process and independent voice for residents: prejudicial interests will conflict members of Chadderton Partnership, who will be required to follow party policy at the expense of residents wishes. We already have evidence of this, including, for example, councillor members of Chadderton Partnership have supported party policy, to develop warehousing and housing at Foxdenton, and the proposed warehousing development in North Chadderton. Both projects have drawn strong opposition from residents, yet the councillors have disregarded this in favour of party allegiances.</p> <p>xi. The purpose of neighbourhood forums is to empower local residents to have a voice in a public arena the political singularity of this group will not allow this.</p> <p>xii. This application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 members who have 'committed' to joining this group are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party. It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <p>C. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: Membership must include a minimum of 21 individuals</p>
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			<p>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section A above refers). An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this. The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</p> <p>B. Neighbourhood Planning Guidance (updated May 2020) explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced under the Localism Act, including required key stages and considerations.</p> <p>i. When deciding neighbourhood boundaries, the following considerations are identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• village or settlement boundaries, which could reflect areas of planned expansion</li> <li>• the catchment area for walking to local services such as shops, primary schools, doctors' surgery, parks or other facilities</li> <li>• the area where formal or informal networks of community based groups operate</li> <li>• the physical appearance or characteristics of the neighbourhood, for example buildings that may be of a consistent scale or style</li> <li>• whether the area forms all or part of a coherent estate either for businesses or residents</li> <li>• whether the area is wholly or predominantly a business area</li> <li>• whether infrastructure or physical features define a natural boundary, for example a major road or railway line or waterway</li> <li>• the natural setting or features in an area</li> <li>• size of the population (living and working) in the area</li> </ul> <p>Electoral ward boundaries can be a useful starting point for discussions on the appropriate size of a neighbourhood area; these have an average population of about 5,500 llis. Paragraph: 033 Reference ID: 41-033-20140306</p> <p>ii. Chadderton is large, densely populated town on the outskirts of Manchester. It covers an area of 6,900/sq miles/2,700km<sup>2</sup> and has an approximate population of 35,000.</p> <p>iii. The town comprises of numerous neighbourhoods, each with its own local networks, services and community. People in these neighbourhoods understand their local area and identify with their local community.</p>
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J Kerton		Both	<p>I would just like to express my concerns about any proposed building on the greenbelt in the above areas. I have lived in Chadderton now for over 20 years. I frequently walk around Healds Green for my health and well being. In recent months it has been my daily walk come rain or shine. It is such an area of local beauty and accessible to local residents without the use of transport. It would be devastating to lose such valued green space. I really do hope that the views of local residents are considered.</p>

J Knight		Both	<p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and</li> <li>2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</li> <li>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party.</li> </ol> <p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have failed to engage with the 35,000 residents living in the area.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section 1. above refers).</li> <li>ii. An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this. The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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Karen		Both	I would like to object to the Chadderton Partnership proposal as I do not believe it has been a fair and transparent process and the group is not in a position to represent the whole of Chadderton.
K Cleworth		Both	I am writing to register my object to this Chadderton Partnership
K Smedley		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and</li> <li>2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol>

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K Rutter		Both	<p>I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.</p> <p>Chadderton is not one neighbourhood, it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.</p>



K Schofield		Both	I wish to raise my objections to the above strongly. There has been little consultation And resident involvement until the approaching deadline. It suggests covert political manipulation and I believe advantage has been taken of the current disruption caused by Covid 19 to slip something through which whilst affecting residents has not allowed them to make an informed choice. I therefore suggest any decision be at least deferred.
K Smedley & K Bidwell		Both	I am emailing to confirm that, as residents of North Chadderton, both myself and my husband wish to register my opposition for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation.
K Green		Both	<p>I am writing to object to the Chadderton Partnership being given the official designation as the sole arbiter for planning decisions in the Town of Chadderton in the form of the 'Neighbourhood Forum'</p> <p>I am writing to object for the following reasons:</p> <p>The consultation period has not been adequately advertised and has failed to inform local residents. The 'Chadderton Partnerships' constitution and membership is exclusive and I believe breaches the 'Equalities Act 2010' given that such a group should be inclusive to all residents. Additionally, the Government guidance on this matter states that any proposal for a Neighbourhood Forum should have an open membership policy.</p> <p>The members of the aforementioned group have advised that this 'consultation' is and I quote a "vote". Therefore given that this came from a member of the committee who has advised this, I take that as an explicit acknowledgement that they are balloting residents in order to mandate the group in order to give it a legal legitimacy and that this has been fully endorsed by Oldham Council to support the creation of a Neighbourhood Forum without widespread public consent.</p> <p>Therefore, I contest that this is neither legal nor legitimate given that there has not been enough notice, the ballot is insecure and there is no impartial third party overseeing this to validate this request.</p> <p>I have had no information emailed or posted to me advising me who sits on the 'Chadderton Partnership', what the aims are of this partnership are and why they want a 'Neighbourhood Forum'.</p> <p>The 'Neighbourhood Forum' is far too big and it is contested by a more established local group, I believe that I should have the choice to decide whether I want a Town wide forum or an actual neighbourhood forum. To be given a uncontested request to approve or not it is undemocratic.</p>

			<p>I believe that the Chadderton Partnership lacks any legitimacy given they failed to advertise their Annual General Meeting to all registered electors in the three Wards of Chadderton. This excluded the majority of the Towns residents.</p> <p>For the reasons listed above I wish to register my objection to the Chadderton Partnership.</p>
K Jordan		Both	<p>I oppose the Chadderton Partnership making decisions for the Chadderton area.</p>
K Mckeogh		Both	<p>I am writing to state my objection to the neighbourhood forum application submitted by 'The Chadderton Partnership'.</p> <p>It cannot reasonably be argued that the three wards proposed (Chadderton North, Chadderton Central and Chadderton South) in any way constitute a 'neighbourhood'. With almost 40,000 residents within such diverse wards,</p> <p>As a resident within Chadderton North, I have significant concerns regarding any proposed developments within the area. While I appreciate the need for additional, affordable housing within the borough, I also believe it is essential to retain the character of existing communities and not disadvantaging those already residing within them.</p> <p>One existing proposal for development, supported by a member of this Chadderton Partnership', would see extensive housing built within the Healds Green area of Chadderton North. This has already met with significant local opposition, with residents worried about the additional demands it would place upon the limited infrastructure around the site and countless other issues. When reviewing this application, members of Oldham Council must consider their duty to safeguard areas such as this - popular not just with those who live there but with the walkers, joggers, bike riders, individuals and families who access it for the benefit of their physical and mental health on a daily basis.</p> <p>It has been suggested that this particular neighbourhood forum application may be nothing more than an attempt to circumvent the concerns of Oldham residents for personal, fiduciary gain. Due to the conflict of interest this application raises between the pursuit of individual profit and the preservation of vital greenbelt land for the common good I do not feel confident that this proposed forum group will accurately represent the views of residents.</p> <p>I feel that supporting such an application would ultimately be to the detriment of the area and that Oldham Council have a duty to ensure that neighbourhood forums are impartial and beyond accusations of self-interest.</p>
K Murray		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p>

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K Wrigley		Both	<p>Please can I be kept informed re the development of the above group. In particular its relevance to the area that I live, North Chadderton.</p> <p>I am aware that there is a current application for our own North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum, so how do the two potentially interact?</p>
L Bluck		Both	<p>I oppose to this group because it has failed to be transparent and they have failed to tell anybody this was happening until the consultation stage. Even now residents in Chadderton have not had any letters, leaflets or emails advising them of this groups existence or what it's aims are.</p> <p>The Chadderton Partnership Facebook page does not answer questions that residents have asked of them.</p>

			<p>The group refuses to publish who sits on the 21 member committee. Despite being registered on companies house it is not operating as an open public residents group.</p> <p>The group has a political weight bias of Labour Councillors and members/supporters. It should be a non political group made up of residents.</p> <p>Chadderton is a large town made up of different parts and a one size fits all approach is unworkable. Not every resident knows about this and despite asking people to 'vote' via email this is a very unorthodox and inappropriate way to ballot people on such an issue.</p> <p>I do not want this group to represent me as I oppose to everything it represents.</p>
L McGrath		Both	<p>The reasons for my objection are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First and foremost, I feel that there has been a really poor attempt to make any genuine engagement with residents prior to the consultation and feel that holding a Public Consultation during a global pandemic and when the local area is subject to additional restrictions is both short sighted and unlikely to successfully attract any genuine engagement.</li> <li>- The whole of Chadderton is too big to be considered " A neighbourhood" - hence why it is 3 separate electoral wards</li> <li>- There is a distinct lack of information about the 21 members.</li> <li>- The fact that The Chadderton Partnership constitution states that the "6.4 Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the purpose and principles of the Partnership, the Management Committee shall have the power to refuse membership or may terminate or suspend the membership of any member by a resolution passed at a meeting." This suggests that it wouldn't have an open membership which I believe is unrepresentative and exclusive when it should be fully inclusive</li> <li>- The Chair could potentially have a conflict of interests.</li> <li>- I am concerned that this looks very much like a political group when it billed as being non-political, especially looking at the few members who are actually named.</li> <li>- Once designated this would mean no other forum could be designated. Given my concerns about the apparent political nature of the group and it's ability to exclude residents at will, this is a big concern.</li> </ul>
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L Moore		Both	<p>I strongly disagree with the Chadderton Neighbourhood Plan. It is a totally biased group of individuals who will have too much control. I do not believe this is a neighbourhood group, I have lived in Chadderton for 16 years and not heard of this. Too many links with the council and other groups which support building on Chadderton's green belt, this group will not have the best interest of Chadderton's residents.</p>
L Ward		Both	<p>I object to Chadderton Partnership becoming the designated neighbourhood forum for the whole of the Chadderton area. The Chadderton Partnership group membership is not representative of my neighbourhood and I do not believe it will represent either my opinions and views or the opinions and views of the local people.</p> <p>It is likely that the political and local authority allegiances of group members will conflict with residents' views in different neighbourhoods across Chadderton. This is not acceptable, the purpose of neighbourhood forums is to ensure that residents do have an independent voice in the public arena.</p> <p>I object to the whole of Chadderton being treated as one neighbourhood for the following reasons :-  The proposed area is too large, a single forum would not effectively listen to, understand, or represent the voices of all the residents in the different neighbourhoods across Chadderton. It is not one neighbourhood it is many and the proposal would be unworkable.</p> <p>If the whole area is treated as one neighbourhood, then it stops the local residents establishing legitimate neighbourhood forums for their neighbourhood areas in the future. This is not acceptable.</p>
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L & N Royle		Both	<p>We are writing to strongly object to the group called The Chadderton Partnership.</p> <p>This group has not been democratically elected as a neighbourhood forum They cannot speak for the residents of the whole of Chadderton and apparently this would prevent any other residents forum being designated.</p> <p>We wish to register our strong objection to this group</p>
M Bluck		Both	<p>I became aware of this through Facebook and I am concerned about how this group has been allowed to bring forward such a proposal without notifying all the residents of Chadderton.</p> <p>According to its Constitution, a committee appears to have been formed after a meeting held at the Wellbeing Centre on 23 January 2020 and that it can refuse membership or terminate membership (Paragraph 6.4). Any Neighbourhood Forum should be run by residents for residents and Government guidance states that there should be an open membership policy, therefore the Chadderton Partnership's Constitution goes against the Government guidance. Allowing one group to form a committee in this manner is undemocratic and a postal ballot of all residents of Chadderton would have been a far more democratic way of handling this matter. Especially as this ballot would have to be overseen by an independent adjudicator. The Chadderton Partnership claims to be non-political yet the committee is made up of people who have close ties or support the Labour Party. It is my opinion that rather than being independent, it is being set up to further the cause of Oldham Council and the Labour Party by forming a group which will not be accountable to the public (due to the closed membership policy). This group, if approved will not command the support of all residents across Chadderton, nor will it benefit Chadderton at all as the area covered is</p>

			too large. Because of this, I am making a formal request that a postal ballot be held and other resident groups be allowed to submit their proposals.
M & J Hine		Both	<p>I wish to object to the formation of the Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood Forum for the WHOLE of Chadderton.</p> <p>We live in Healds Green which is situated in the Green Belt area of Chadderton, and we see no possible reason why the whole of Chadderton should have any say in what goes on in this small village area. Our family goes back four generations starting as famers in this area.</p> <p>Any decisions should be postponed until the Coved lockdown has been totally lifted so that neighbourhood discussions can take place.</p>
M Aston		Both	<p>I write in support of a more localised forum to represent the residents to the north of Chadderton. Our area of Chadderton is among the largest historical Boroughs in the Country and as such should be divided according to population, its distinctive location and local history. It also commands a large area of open spaces for walks and relaxation for the whole of Oldham's residents and should be protected by those who know the area best. During this period of isolation this area has been a welcome retreat for many residents of our town.</p> <p>I therefore support the current application for our own North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum.</p>
M Hives		Both	<p>I refer to the OMBC consultation regarding the application by the group 'The Chadderton Partnership' for a designated area and a designated forum for the entire area of Chadderton. I wish to place on record my objection to this consultation, and wish it be made known that I do not want the group named 'The Chadderton Partnership' to represent the people of Chadderton on their behalf or my behalf.</p> <p>In the application statement, there is a reference to an appended document stating and naming a list of 21 committed persons, and the areas resided in. This document is an essential element of the consultation, as it gives the citizens of Chadderton the information to ascertain that all areas are represented regarding locations, ethnicity, equality etc, as in OMBC constitution. As the persons referred to the acting under the Localism Act and entering into the public domain, they should not be entitled to anonymity.</p> <p>I have placed my questions to the group named 'The Chadderton Partnership', of which no questions have been answered, or attempted to answer. The Chadderton Partnership, have continually refused to identify themselves and any conflicts of interest (e.g. - are any of the members a stake holder in land or assets) within Chadderton. I personally feel that this group does not have a clear vision or any objectives, to improve our lives, the residents of Chadderton.</p>

			<p>What is becoming a concern is that there are a vast number of constituents of Chadderton who have never been made aware of the following of the designated area, or the designated forum, and there seems to be a consensus of opinion that the whole process has been done in a manner that does not fill a democratic and open procedure. For example, the creation of the Facebook page - created on 12 August; this was created after the consultation application was in process. This may have been done in order to secure the groups future. Indeed there appears that there has been no interaction between the group (Chadderton Partnership) and the general public of Chadderton. I am concerned that the above consultation has been going on for a number of weeks, but I have only just been made aware of the consultation through which was their Facebook page.</p> <p>I would ask you to consider the above, and request that you intervene with this matter, and postpone the consultation until the above matters are resolved. Once again, I would like to formally raise my objections about the proposed plans for Chadderton Partnership to take control of a designated forum and area.</p>
M Wood		Both	<p>As a North Chadderton resident I am writing to make you aware of my opposition to the proposed Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood forum as this matter only came to my attention very recently.</p> <p>In general I feel there was little attempt to engage with residents in any meaning full way prior to the consultation .</p> <p>Plus the holding of a Public Consultation during a pandemic was I feel, very ill-advised, especially for those in the vulnerable age group like myself.</p> <p>Chadderton district is very large and diverse community and in my opinion, it is too large to be overseen by just one group.</p> <p>It also has to be said that the lack of information provided by and of the 21 members is somewhat worrying</p> <p>I have also been informed the Chadderton Partnership constitution states at" 6.4 "Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the purpose and principles of the Partnership, the Management Committee shall have the power to refuse membership or may terminate or suspend the membership of any member by a resolution passed at a meeting." Couldn't this lend itself to a closed forum with a biased outlook and rejection of residents that do not 'fit' the committee's views. And I think it should be investigated as to whether the Chair has a potential conflict of interests and looking at the few members named, it does appear that they do hold a particular political viewpoint that could lead to prejudicial and partisan decisions. I would question whether this group is diverse enough in its political outlook, I very much doubt it?</p>

			<p>Also I find it somewhat disturbing that should Chadderton Partnership be appointed would mean that no other forum can be assigned in the future. I feel this would be totally limiting, detrimental and very restrictive to Chadderton residents, especially if their ideologies do not conform to those in charge of the group.</p> <p>One size does not fit all. And I suggest that smaller, more localised groups, within Chadderton, who know and understand their own community well, would be more beneficial.</p>
M McCarthy		Both	<p>We are writing to object to the Chadderton Partnership being given the official designation as the sole arbiter for planning decisions in the Town of Chadderton in the form of the 'Neighbourhood Forum'</p> <p>We are writing to object for the following reasons:</p> <p>The consultation period has not been adequately advertised and has failed to inform local residents. The 'Chadderton Partnerships' constitution and membership is exclusive, and I believe breaches the 'Equalities Act 2010' given that such a group should be inclusive to all residents. Additionally, the Government guidance on this matter states that any proposal for a Neighbourhood Forum should have an open membership policy.</p> <p>The members of the aforementioned group have advised that this 'consultation' is and I quote a "vote". Therefore given that this came from a member of the committee who has advised this, I take that as an explicit acknowledgement that they are balloting residents in order to mandate the group in order to give it a legal legitimacy and that this has been fully endorsed by Oldham Council to support the creation of a Neighbourhood Forum without widespread public consent.</p> <p>Therefore, I contest that this is neither legal nor legitimate given that there has not been enough notice, the ballot is insecure and there is no impartial third party overseeing this to validate this request.</p> <p>We have had no information emailed or posted to me advising me who sits on the 'Chadderton Partnership', what the aims are of this partnership are and why they want a 'Neighbourhood Forum'.</p> <p>The 'Neighbourhood Forum' is far too big and it is contested by a more established local group, I believe that I should have the choice to decide whether I want a Town wide forum or an actual neighbourhood forum. To be given an uncontested request to approve or not it is undemocratic.</p> <p>We believe that the Chadderton Partnership lacks any legitimacy given they failed to advertise their Annual General Meeting to all registered electors in the three Wards of Chadderton. This excluded the majority of the Towns residents.</p> <p>For the reasons listed above we wish to register our objection to the Chadderton Partnership.</p>



M Moore & J Kelly		Both	We are appalled at this decision, but not surprised in this day and age. We have no say in anything!!
M Blakeley		Both	I am writing to submit my objection to the proposal to set up a Chadderton Partnership Group to represent all of Chadderton. I feel that the group which has already been created, The Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum, is in a much better position to represent North Chadderton. This has been set up by the Save Chadderton Greenbelt group who I think have a better awareness of local needs and wishes.
M Mears		Both	<p>I write to lodge my objection to the application by the Chadderton Partnership to be the Neighbourhood Forum for the whole of Chadderton.</p> <p>I have read the objections submitted to you on behalf of the Save Chadderton Green Belt Group and wholeheartedly endorse their cogent assertions. The three wards of Chadderton cannot possibly be regarded as a single neighbourhood and this quite clearly flies in the face of the objectives of the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>It also strikes me that the application by the Chadderton Partnership, having hijacked the previous efforts of the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum, is being driven by the limited political and/or vested interests of the few, and has no legitimacy in seeking to represent the whole of Chadderton.</p>
M Sadowski		Both	<p>I wish to formally object to the Chadderton Partnership, they do not represent me as a community group. I feel a group that is to speak for the local residents should be truly independent and have no association with any political party whether that is Labour, conservatives or Lib Dems.</p> <p>Chadderton Partnership objection.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CP had first meeting in April (2019 maybe) where the committee was decided. This was neither publicly advertised and no minutes have been shared of this meeting despite many requests from different residents.</li> <li>2. The CP formally formed in January 2020, yet it's taken until 12th August 2020 to start a Facebook page and make themselves known to residents who's voices, they are planning to listen to.</li> <li>3. This has in turn given us a short time to look into the group as the deadline for objections is Friday 28th August.</li> <li>4. Despite several attempts from different members of the estate and surrounding Chadderton areas, CP haven't been responsive to any questions- EXCEPT the list I asked which was answered on the yellow posted response this week.</li> <li>5. The failure to share committee named members other than the ones on the council website.</li> <li>6. The lack of engagement from CP with residents in any shape way of form.</li> </ol>

M Jennings		Both	<p>I wish to register that I do NOT support the creation of this group.</p> <p>I don't believe at this time that this group can accurately represent me or my community. Not enough time has been given to residents to properly meet and discuss this group and to find out the relevant information.</p> <p>When requested, information has not been forthcoming nor have they appeared willing to be open and transparent with the community. Many residents didn't even know about this proposed group.</p>
M Herbert		Both	<p>I would like to make my objection to a group known as the "Chadderton Partnership" to be designated as a neighbourhood forum. I do not think that a town consisting of nearly 40k people can ever be described as a neighbourhood. This action would in effect give power to one group over the whole of Chadderton and other Chadderton forums. This seems a very Machiavellian move and a cynical power grab.</p>
M Emmott		Both	<p>Requested further information.</p>
M Emmott		Both	<p>Thank you for your response to my email although as these questions were to assess whether I was able to support the proposal (or not), your email stating that my comments would be assessed after the closure of the consultation would appear to indicate that my original queries have not been read?!</p> <p>As such, I am unable to support the current proposal and I should be grateful if you would register my objection.</p>
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M Vince		Both	<p>I believe that the area proposed by the Chadderton Partnership is too large to be considered for a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>For a Neighbourhood Forum to work effectively it will need the support of all the residents. From their constitution dated 23 January 2020 I don't think this will be the case. I can't see how they can claim legitimacy to represent all the three Chadderton wards or who the other members of their Partnership are.</p>
M Danby		Both	<p>I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.</p> <p>Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum</p>
M Hannigan		Both	<p>North Chadderton neighbourhood forum</p> <p>I would prefer the above group to represent this neighbourhood and not the labour councillors past and present which is applying for designation.</p> <p>I also object strongly to any and all attempts at incursion of the green belt. Oldham with its industrial does not have an abundance of green space and what we do have should be preserved and protected for all it should not be taken from us at the whim of politicians of any party, just for the convenience</p>

			of quicker access to the motorway network. Brownfield sites should be used wherever possible regardless of location in the borough.
M Jeffrey		Both	<p>I have read the details of the above neighbourhood plan and would like to make the following comments and observations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I have only just been alerted to this development and that alert came via a Facebook contact. So it clearly seems to me that publicising of this development and the genuine consultation about it has been seriously lacking.</li> <li>2. The constitution of the neighbourhood committee claims to be of a non-party political nature but is currently dominated by OMBC councillors representing one political persuasions. Hardly non-political.</li> <li>3. The funding of this body seems to be very vague; will it receive funding from OMBC? Will this be another burden on the council tax payers of Oldham who already pay the highest rate of council tax in Greater Manchester.</li> <li>4. Who will audit this body and its funds and what qualifications will its finance officers have.</li> <li>5. Why do they need to employ people when we already pay a borough council with a plethora of staff.</li> <li>6. If we are to have an effective neighbourhood council then this proposed area is far too big. This cover 40000+ residents. I think that you will find that the research done by INLOGOV and others suggests population of between 10000 to a max of 20000 residents for such bodies to be effective.</li> <li>7. Are there plans at any stage for members of this body to be elected, like parish councils, increasing the political party involvement but at least ensuring some form of local democracy.</li> </ol>
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M Madden-Slater		Both	<p>I object to the designation of Chadderton Partnership as a neighbourhood forum and Chadderton as a neighbourhood area. Reasons for my objection include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consultation not properly advertised</li> <li>2. Membership of group not open to all. Their constitution enables them to vet members</li> <li>3. No evidence that it's 21 members are active, or that they come from areas across Chadderton</li> <li>4. Group not inclusive of residents- no engagement in developing plans, no public meetings, etc.</li> <li>5. Group led by councillors and dominated by one political party, which is contrary to legal requirements.</li> <li>6. Area too large- planning guidance for indicative neighbourhood area is 5,500. The whole of Chadderton is almost 7 times larger than this at 35,000</li> <li>7. Chadderton is made up of numerous neighbourhoods not just one. Chadderton Partnership do not provide any justifiable reason for treating this diverse area as one neighbourhood.</li> <li>8. Chadderton Partnership's application fails to describe the general characteristics of this diverse area, as is required. This reflects the fact that the area is too large and that they have not engaged with the 35,000 residents.</li> <li>9. National evidence strongly indicates that very large neighbourhood forums struggle to be effective. Forums of just over 20,000 have been beset with problems, it is therefore logical to</li> </ol>

			<p>assume that a forum for 35,000 residents is destined to fail. It will be ineffective, it will not be capable of giving residents a genuine voice. It should not be permitted.</p> <p>The local authority should determine that this group is not a suitable, or desirable 'relevant body', and that the area of Chadderton, with a population of 35,000 is not an appropriate neighbourhood area.</p>
N Bradley		Both	<p>It would be interesting to see who elected the management committee. There seems to be limited transparency here to the residents and it is not clear why we need a Chadderton forum separate to Oldham council which is an elected body.</p> <p>The constitution itself is vague with wide ranging powers.</p> <p>Do any members have any political role?</p> <p>Is there any financial benefit/gain for the members?</p> <p>Perhaps a Q&amp;A session open to all would assist? It may be something which is of great benefit to Chadderton but information is insufficient to make an informed decision.</p>
N Yates-Bolton		Both	<p>I wish to lodge my opposition to the plan for a neighbourhood forum that encompasses the whole of Chadderton.</p> <p>This application is against the spirit and intention of Neighbourhood forums.</p> <p>As a resident of North Chadderton I am keen to have the neighbourhood I live in represented as a neighbourhood and our neighbourhood given a voice so that the residents of North Chadderton become empowered and able to contribute to local decision making. The proposed Chadderton wide forum would not facilitate this as the needs of each neighbourhood are unique- hence the option of having a Neighbourhood forum.</p> <p>The proposed Chadderton wide application appears to be a micro version of Oldham council in terms of affiliation and ethos. What is the point of replicating what we already have? Surely the point of a Neighbourhood Forum is to add a new, local voice to the discourse of what needs to be done to improve the lives of residents and future prospects of each individual neighbourhood.</p> <p>As North Chadderton has also submitted an application to have a Neighbourhood forum I propose that North Chadderton as a neighbourhood is excluded from the Chadderton wide application.</p>
N Brereton		Both	<p>The Chadderton Partnership (members of Chadderton Together and Labour councillors past and present, chaired by Tony Tomlinson) has applied to be designated as a neighbourhood forum. If this is approved, one group will have a say about the whole of Chadderton, which at nearly 40,000 residents is hardly a neighbourhood.</p>



			<p>If approved, it would also prevent any other residents' forum being designated, including the current application for our own North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum (representing approximately 7,000 residents).</p> <p>Tony Tomlinson and Derrick Lees, of Hill Top/Healds Green, Chadderton currently have (or intend to have) a planning application submitted to build a development homes in the green belt area of Healds Green, north Chadderton. Therefore, Tony Tomlinson as chair of the Chadderton Partnership presents a conflict of interest, which should not be allowed under any circumstances.</p> <p>I raise the following objections to the both the Chadderton Partnership application and the planning permission application (current or future):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony Tomlinson as chair of the Chadderton Partnership and with a current (or intended) planning application for a development of houses presents a conflict of interest</li> <li>• The Chadderton Partnership would not represent the interest of the people of north Chadderton, specifically the Healds Green and Chadderton Fold areas, due to the conflict of interest</li> <li>• Healds Green is a green belt area, so new housing on this land should not be allowed</li> <li>• Healds Green, Chadderton Fold and the surrounding single track lanes, including, but not limited to Heights Lane and Cragg Road cannot cope with the additional traffic caused by the development of additional homes (likely 2 cars per home) on green belt land</li> </ul> <p>An additional point is that the intended community meetings that we had hoped to have within our local community have been cancelled and as yet we have been unable to reschedule them, due to the current coronavirus pandemic. I am very concerned that the Chadderton Partnership's application might be passed during a time when opposing neighbours cannot meet to form an action plan against it.</p>
N Brereton-Burgess		Both	<p>I am writing to object to the Chadderton Partnership being given the official designation as the sole arbiter for planning decisions in the Town of Chadderton in the form of the 'Neighbourhood Forum'</p> <p>I am writing to object for the following reasons:</p> <p>The local residents in Chadderton South had not been notified or been made aware of any neighbourhood forum. I also believe Chadderton residents have not been made fully aware including those who do not have electronic devices or social media apps.</p> <p>The 'Chadderton Partnerships' constitution and membership is exclusive to North Chadderton. I do not believe it is going to consult or look at the Chadderton South neighbourhood, as relevant information and members seem to circulate those of North Chadderton. I also feel that membership should have been offered to those residents of Central and South Chadderton too as we all have different local issues and ideas that can be shared and discussed.</p>

			<p>All residents of Chadderton have not been consulted properly. There has not been a legal ballot. We have not made aware of meetings, committee members, Chadderton residents have not been given an opportunity to join the group.</p> <p>I also feel that there are political tendencies for the group and aims of personal business ventures. Questions that I have raised have been avoided and no community groups have been included. I don't feel the information that has been given is open, transparent and honest by Oldham Council or The Chadderton Partnership. It saddens me and therefore I do not have faith in the group as it stands at present.</p> <p>Therefore, I contest that this is neither legal nor legitimate given that there has not been enough notice, the ballot is insecure and there is no impartial third party overseeing this to validate this request.</p> <p>We also cannot verify that people who agree or object to this are residents of Chadderton which makes a mockery out of the whole consultation and idea of a neighbourhood forum.</p> <p>I have had no information emailed or posted to me advising me who sits on the 'Chadderton Partnership', what the aims are of this partnership are and why they want a 'Neighbourhood Forum'.</p> <p>The 'Neighbourhood Forum' is far too big and it is contested by a more established local group, I believe that I should have the choice to decide whether I want a Town wide forum or an actual neighbourhood forum. To be given a uncontested request to approve or not it is undemocratic. I believe that the Chadderton Partnership lacks any legitimacy given they failed to advertise their Annual General Meeting to all registered electors in the three Wards of Chadderton. This excluded the majority of the Towns residents.</p> <p>For the reasons listed above I wish to register my objection to the Chadderton Partnership.</p>
N Cavill		Both	<p>It would appear that a group known as "The Chadderton Partnership" have applied to be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum, I object to this on the grounds that the area they have included is too large and more local forums would be more appropriate.</p> <p>As an example, I would support the application for "North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum" which would be more appropriate in that it represents a more localised area which may have different need than the other parts of Chadderton.</p>
N Fitton		Both	<p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton and</li> <li>2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol>

			<p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. there has been a poor attempt to engage residents prior to consultation.</li> <li>2. The short sightedness of holding a public consultation during a pandemic.</li> <li>3. The whole of Chadderton is too big to be considered "A neighbourhood".</li> <li>4. Lack of information about the 21 members.</li> <li>5. Once designated this would mean no other forum could be designated.</li> <li>6. The fact that The Chadderton Partnership constitution states that the "6.4 Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the purpose and principles of the Partnership, the Management Committee shall have the power to refuse the membership of any member by a resolution passed at a meeting". This suggests that it wouldn't have an open membership.</li> </ol>
E & B Fitton		Both	<p>We very strongly to any buildings etc on the green belt behind Chadderton Park.</p> <p>We also object to the Chadderton Partnership being designated as a neighbourhood forum, but we are in favour of the current application for our own North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum.</p>
N Jackson		Both	<p>I want to make sure I have my say on the above proposal, I do not in any way want this to go ahead why should these people take our voices.</p> <p>I have lived on Healds Green for some years now and MOST people that live here do not have a problem talking things over together. Can you also tell me when this was first discussed the dates and where the meetings were held?</p> <p>Also can you tell me why you think 'The Chadderton partnership' is needed?</p> <p>We cannot get together to discuss this because of the current circumstance (covid 19) so surely this should be put on hold to allow people to attend and object when safe to do so.</p> <p>myself and many other people feel that yet again things have been done behind closed doors. When ever a decision is made THIS BIG surely it should be made in a fair, necessary manner, This is no fair, necessary and a lot of other people have the same opinion.</p> <p>I would go as far to say it would be a big mistake if this is granted.</p>
N Simpson		Both	<p>I am writing to object to the Chadderton Partnership being given the official designation as the sole arbiter for planning decisions in the Town of Chadderton in the form of the 'Neighbourhood Forum'</p> <p>I am writing to object for the following reasons:</p> <p>The consultation period has not been adequately advertised and has failed to inform local residents. The 'Chadderton Partnerships' constitution and membership is exclusive and I believe breaches the 'Equalities Act 2010' given that such a group should be inclusive to all residents. Additionally, the Government guidance on this matter states that any proposal for a Neighbourhood Forum should have an open membership policy.</p>

			<p>The members of the aforementioned group have advised that this 'consultation' is and I quote a "vote". Therefore given that this came from a member of the committee who has advised this, I take that as an explicit acknowledgement that they are balloting residents in order to mandate the group in order to give it a legal legitimacy and that this has been fully endorsed by Oldham Council to support the creation of a Neighbourhood Forum without widespread public consent.</p> <p>Therefore, I contest that this is neither legal nor legitimate given that there has not been enough notice, the ballot is insecure and there is no impartial third party overseeing this to validate this request.</p> <p>I have had no information emailed or posted to me advising me who sits on the 'Chadderton Partnership', what the aims are of this partnership are and why they want a 'Neighbourhood Forum'.</p> <p>The 'Neighbourhood Forum' is far too big and it is contested by a more established local group, I believe that I should have the choice to decide whether I want a Town wide forum or an actual neighbourhood forum. To be given an uncontested request to approve or not it is undemocratic.</p> <p>I believe that the Chadderton Partnership lacks any legitimacy given they failed to advertise their Annual General Meeting to all registered electors in the three Wards of Chadderton. This excluded the majority of the Towns residents.</p> <p>For the reasons listed above I wish to register my objection to the Chadderton Partnership.</p>
O Minkowycz		Both	<p>Just a note to confirm that I wish to register my opposition for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation.</p>
P Lord		Both	<p>This email is to register my objection to The Chadderton Partnership representing the residents of Chadderton.</p> <p>I am a resident of Chadderton and do not believe this group is appropriately constructed to adequately represent my views. I am happy to elaborate further should this be required.</p>
P Rutter		Both	<p>I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.</p>

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P Griffiths		Both	Just a note to reconfirm I wish to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation.
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P McKeogh		Both	<p>I am writing to state my objection to the neighbourhood forum application submitted by 'The Chadderton Partnership'.</p> <p>It cannot reasonably be argued that the three wards proposed (Chadderton North, Chadderton Central and Chadderton South) in any way constitute a 'neighbourhood'. With almost 40,000 residents within these diverse wards, individual and collective views and priorities are bound to differ greatly. It is essential that more localised groups are given the opportunity to represent the varied communities they serve within the area. Surely a more collaborative approach such as this should be fostered? I have no doubt it would prove more effective in ensuring the views of residents are valued and balanced when considering how local developments will affect us all.</p> <p>As a resident within Chadderton North, I have significant concerns regarding proposed developments within the area. While I appreciate the need for additional, affordable housing within the borough, I also believe it is essential to retain the character of existing communities without disadvantaging those already residing within them. One such mooted proposal for development, supported by a member of 'The Chadderton Partnership', would see comparatively extensive housing built within the small Healds Green area of Chadderton North. This has already met with significant local opposition, with the vast majority of residents unhappy about the additional demands it would place upon the limited and imperfect infrastructure around the site. There are other issues worthy of serious consideration, for example, the radical change to the character of this area that would occur in the virtual doubling of housing stock within just a few hundred yards. When reviewing this application, members of Oldham Council must consider their duty to safeguard communities such as this - popular within the area, not just with those who live there but with the walkers, joggers, bike riders, individuals and families who access the area for the benefit of their</p>



			<p>physical and mental health on a daily basis. Membership of any neighbourhood forum should be beyond reproach, and this forum application may be nothing more than an attempt to circumvent the legitimate concerns of residents for personal gain. As stated on the Oldham Council website, Neighbourhood Development Orders enable 'communities' to grant planning permission for development and building operations. There is a clear conflict of interest in this particular application, between an unethical desire for individual profit and a desire for the preservation of vital greenbelt land, a prime concern for locals. I do not feel confident that this forum group will accurately represent or prioritise the views of residents such as myself.</p> <p>I feel that supporting such an application would ultimately be to the detriment of the area and that Oldham Council have a duty to ensure that neighbourhood forums are ethical and beyond reproach. I hope such views will be considered in good faith as part of this consultation process.</p>
P Rothwell		Both	<p>I object to the current Neighbourhood plan as there has been very little relevant and meaningful information directly given to residents in order to give them the opportunity to decide on the acceptability of various issues they may have. Whatever the plan includes should be discussed openly and decided by residents without any bias towards any political parties.</p>
P & M Lawton			<p>We wish to object in the strongest possible terms to any proposal to delegate to a group known as "The Chadderton Partnership" in relation to the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework as we understand it would prevent any other representation from any other residents forum.</p>
P & S Doherty		Both	<p>We wish to register our objection to the above group being designated as a neighbourhood forum. As residents of Chadderton we wish to support the application from the North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum.</p>
P Kerton		Both	<p>I am writing to express my objections to the use of Chadderton green belt land for housing/warehouse development. I live in North Chadderton and regularly walk in the green belt area around Healds Green. I would be a great shame to irreversibly lose this green belt area (including wild deer that live in the area). I see many other North Chadderton residents during my walks and I have no doubt that building on this land will fundamentally change the character of the area.</p>

P Hawksworth		Both	<p>I have recently been made aware that a group is trying to form a neighbourhood forum to cover the whole of Chadderton, and that this would preclude any other group in Chadderton of being recognised as a representative group.</p> <p>Why have I found out about this via the backdoor? There has been no publicity that I am aware of. I am a member of North Chadderton Neighbourhood Watch and Chairman of Friends of Chadderton Hall Park, having taken over from Tony Tomlinson, one of the protagonists of the above group. At the very least courtesy, if nothing else demands that I should have been informed; unless the reasons behind the lack of communication are secrecy by those with ulterior motives. There are vested interests at work with the Chairman, Mr Tomlinson continuing to ride roughshod over his neighbours, this time by building houses on what I believe to be green belt land.</p> <p>I object most strongly to the formation of this group and the manner in which Oldham Council has managed it.</p> <p>Chadderton UDC was taken into Oldham many years ago but I believe that there are still some particular by-laws that apply. This aside Chadderton is a very diverse area stretching from the borders of Oldham town centre right down to the Manchester boundary at Failsworth. Part even has an OL1 post code which is quite perverse. Within these boundaries are many groups with different backgrounds, different standards, different expectations and differing achievements; to lump all of these together precludes the whole being defined as a "Neighbourhood". In your private life, who do you define as your neighbour? What do you define as your neighbourhood? Certainly, someone living on the Failsworth boundary would not consider me, on Irk Val - OL1! as a neighbour neither would I consider them as a neighbour of mine.</p> <p>I trust that Oldham council look again at the proposals and the manner in which this whole matter has been handled.</p>
P Raftery		Both	<p>I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.</p> <p>Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.</p>

P Bridge		Both	<p>I wish to formally object to the Chadderton Partnership, they do not represent me as a community group. I feel a group that is to speak for the local residents should be truly independent and have no association with any political party whether that is Labour, conservatives or Lib Dems. It does seem that The Chadderton Partnership is very cosy with Labour Councillors and politicians Whether current or former. Therefore, they do not have my trust, especially as under a Labour council we have already had so much beautiful green land lost to various developments.</p> <p>I do not believe you will not take any notice in my views regardless; Labour never have.</p>
P Cooper		Both	<p>I register my vote AGAINST the formation of this partnership due to the non elected 21 people who have been appointed which includes Labour councillors who cannot reflect the wishes of everybody in the area as reflected in local green belt issues, also how can one group make decisions which affect all Chadderton (north, south and central) when there are very diverse communities involved in these areas, it would surely be more appropriate to have smaller local groups like FADRA which are more in tune with the residents.</p>
P Schikora		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and 2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</li> <li>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party.</li> </ol> <p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <li>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the</li> </li></ol>

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S Dyson		Both	<p>As a resident of North Chadderton I do welcome the creation of a Neighbourhood Forum but believe this application by the above-mentioned group to be not in the best interests of the people of Chadderton.</p> <p>The Chadderton Partnership may have been set up in good faith but is a self- elected group that I would suggest the large proportion of Chadderton has never heard of. The group has never made itself known or made any reasonable effort to inform the people of Chadderton what its aims and ambitions are and advertise for member involvement.</p> <p>The individuals within this group are well known and I would suggest a certain degree of Cronyism has been involved in creating this group and its committee. I believe the group and committee to have self- interests both politically and personally that prevent them from being able to represent the people of Chadderton without prejudice.</p> <p>I would also challenge the “Partnership” wanting to create a Neighbourhood Forum for the whole of Chadderton which is a huge area which isn’t really a Neighbourhood but more like a small town this group potentially if given the go ahead would become a powerful un elected entity!</p> <p>Having looked at the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 specifically 61f and 61g and believe this application should be refused. The application doesn’t show how The Chadderton Partnership intends to improve social, economic and environmental well being of the area, and the whole of Chadderton is not an appropriate area to be designated as a neighbourhood area.</p> <p>If Chadderton is to have a Neighbourhood Forum then this should better reflect the meaning of “Neighbourhood” and it should be transparent in its election process and contain a good cross section of society that has no political or personnel motives behind it.</p>
S Godfrey		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and 2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p>

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S Long		Both	<p>I strongly object to the application by The Chadderton Partnership to the Oldham Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>This application contravenes the Sections 61F and 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as it is intended for small local areas in order to give them some say in what happens in the area that they live in.</p> <p>The above application covers the whole of Chadderton (around 40,000 residents) and there is no way that a small group such as The Chadderton Partnership can claim to consult and represent all of those people in a fair manner.</p> <p>The fact is that they did not even consult the residents about their application, and this does not bode well for future consultations.</p> <p>We need impartiality and true representation, not the biased views of those who are set to profit from its inception.</p> <p>This application is an abuse of the Governments Localities Act, which is meant for small, local areas.</p>

			North Chadderton Greenbelt Group would be denied their right to submit an application if the one submitted by The Chadderton Partnership succeeds.
S Massey		Both	<p>As a Chadderton resident I wish to register my opposition to the formation of this group for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.As a Chadderton resident of over 20yrs I have never received any previous information about this proposed group other than recent facebook comments.</li> <li>2. If this group purports to represent the views of all Chadderton where were the Invitations for representatives from Residents/Neighbours/Community groups to be involved.</li> <li>3. Why does it seem to only have Labour councillors involved.</li> <li>4. This group does not appear to have any transparency or representation from other councillors and therefore does not represent me as s Chadderton resident in any way.</li> </ol>
R Ahern		Both	Just a note to confirm that I wish to register my opposition for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation.
R Emmott		Both	<p>I am writing in response to the consultation currently in place for the Chadderton Partnership applying to be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>I strongly OBJECT to this proposal of Chadderton Partnership. A neighbourhood forum should represent a neighbourhood not a whole town. I do not believe the members of this proposed group can understand or represent the views and concerns of everyone living in Chadderton (around 40K people). I would want a more localised group to represent the "neighbourhood" I live in.</p>
R Cullen		Both	<p>I am writing in accordance with a request to comment on the proposed plan as heading above, for Chadderton, and of which I find causes me concern.</p> <p>The information I have to hand is proposing that a forum should represent the whole of the Chadderton district, which for such a group I find to an unviable proposition. Surely this cannot be as Government intended, with such a large and widely spread population making decisions relating to parts of an area of which they personally have little or even no knowledge.</p> <p>It stands to reason, that in my case, I could not comment satisfactorily or vote on an issue affecting the extreme end of South Chadderton and likewise vice versa. I cannot see that scenario possibly working.</p>



			<p>I personally, would not ponder over matters taking place, for instance, at the lower reaches of Broadway and I would expect that those persons in South Chadderton, again, for instance, would be unlikely, to make decisions about matters in North, West and East Chadderton.</p> <p>The more logical solution would be to split the Chadderton area into its four areas and allow the local residents to make the decisions for their own area.</p> <p>I believe that an arrangement as such would be workable in the majority of instances and if further input was required, then the representatives of the other areas could be included in discussions.</p> <p>Therefore, I believe that Including all areas in all matters would be untenable and impractical and I don't believe this would produce the required answers and therefore should not be considered.</p> <p>I support therefore, setup of a North Chadderton Forum</p>
R Little		Both	<p>I write to voice objection that a group known as The Chadderton Partnership not be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum to represent matters which have an impact on the residents of the whole of Chadderton.</p> <p>Each part of Chadderton should be able to have a say in the future of their area and I would like my views to be represented by the North Chadderton Forum.</p>
R Long		Both	<p>I strongly object to the application by The Chadderton Partnership, who have applied to Oldham Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum for the whole of Chadderton (around 40,000 residents).</p> <p>This is not in the spirit of Sections 61F and 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, which is meant to consult and represent local residents of small areas. It would be impossible for The Chadderton Partnership, which is chaired by a local property developer, to properly represent the whole of Chadderton effectively.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is likely that the needs of South Chadderton, for example, would not impact or be similar to the needs of North Chadderton.</p> <p>We have had no notification of this application and found out purely by chance of the intentions of The Chadderton Partnership. This does not give any confidence that they intend doing anything for the benefit of anyone other than the members of this group.</p>
R Mears		Both	<p>I write to lodge my objection to the application by the Chadderton Partnership to be the Neighbourhood Forum for the whole of Chadderton.</p> <p>I have read the objections submitted to you on behalf of the Save Chadderton Green Belt Group and wholeheartedly endorse their cogent assertions. The three wards of Chadderton cannot possibly be regarded as a single neighbourhood and this quite clearly flies in the face of the objectives of the Localism Act 2011.</p>

			It also strikes me that the application by the Chadderton Partnership, having hijacked the previous efforts of the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum, is being driven by the limited political and/or vested interests of the few, and has no legitimacy in seeking to represent the whole of Chadderton.
R Peel		Both	<p>am writing to express my extreme concern regarding the proposed forming of "The Chadderton Partnership i.e. The Neighbourhood Forum".</p> <p>Chadderton at present is a very diverse borough with each area having very different needs and as such should be dealt with by more local Neighbourhood forums that know each areas requirements. The proposed Chadderton Partnership (The Neighbourhood Forum) would cover too big an area and would therefore not be to the benefit of individual areas and in some cases would be detrimental. I for one care about the area I live in and I feel very strongly about protecting our Green belt area as it is now more than ever a very important requirement not only for our residents but for surrounding areas. During the Covid Pandemic the Green belt has been an escape for many people and has helped to keep people Sane.</p>
R Rooney		Both	<p>Dear sir/madam</p> <p>I'd like to lodge a concern about the above group. After doing some research I have the following concerns</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- the group contains counsellors who are members of existing political groups</li> <li>2- they are not being open about who their members are</li> <li>3- I've asked in 3 separate occasions for them to share their constitution or their agenda and they have not provided it</li> <li>4- I am concerned that they have a vested/financial interest in building in the local area as members are on boards of building firms</li> <li>5- until recently they have not told members of the Chadderton community about their plans</li> <li>6- I believe that they are not listening to residents' concerns about building on green belt land</li> <li>7- they are not openly asking members of the community to join to give their opinions</li> <li>8- I think that the broader area of Chadderton is to diverse with different issues and therefore they would struggle to represent the needs of everyone</li> </ol>
R Tinker		Both	The need for the green belt has been clearly demonstrated during the Covid 19 pandemic. During the lockdown period the Chadderton Green Belt has provided a recreational refuge for many residents. The opportunity to walk, run or cycle through the lanes provide exercise in a safe, socially distanced environment. The continued urbanisation of green spaces will deny residents a safe environment during any future virus pandemics.

R Wilson		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and 2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990)       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</li> <li>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party.</li> </ol> <p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <li>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have failed to engage with the 35,000 residents living in the area.</li> </li></ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G)       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section 1. above refers).</li> <li>ii. An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this. The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Guidance (updated May 2020) explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced under the Localism Act, including required key stages and considerations.</p> </li> </ol>
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S Baxter		Both	<p>I object strongly to the Chadderton neighbourhood forum group for the following reasons. The group is covering Chadderton North, South and Central. This is a vast area, in my opinion I do not want someone from South or Central deciding on issues affecting North that do not affect them. There should be separate groups for the separate areas.</p>
S Clark		Both	<p>I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.</p> <p>Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and</p>

			support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.
S Dawson		Both	<p>I am writing to object to the Chadderton Partnership being given the official designation as the sole arbiter for planning decisions in the Town of Chadderton in the form of the 'Neighbourhood Forum'</p> <p>I am writing to object for the following reasons:</p> <p>The consultation period has not been adequately advertised and has failed to inform local residents. The 'Chadderton Partnerships' constitution and membership is exclusive, and I believe breaches the 'Equalities Act 2010' given that such a group should be inclusive to all residents. Additionally, the Government guidance on this matter states that any proposal for a Neighbourhood Forum should have an open membership policy.</p> <p>The members of the aforementioned group have advised that this 'consultation' is and I quote a "vote". Therefore given that this came from a member of the committee who has advised this, I take that as an explicit acknowledgement that they are balloting residents in order to mandate the group in order to give it a legal legitimacy and that this has been fully endorsed by Oldham Council to support the creation of a Neighbourhood Forum without widespread public consent.</p> <p>Therefore, I contest that this is neither legal nor legitimate given that there has not been enough notice, the ballot is insecure and there is no impartial third party overseeing this to validate this request.</p> <p>I have had no information emailed or posted to me advising me who sits on the 'Chadderton Partnership', what the aims are of this partnership are and why they want a 'Neighbourhood Forum'.</p> <p>The 'Neighbourhood Forum' is far too big and it is contested by a more established local group, I believe that I should have the choice to decide whether I want a Town wide forum or an actual neighbourhood forum. To be given an uncontested request to approve or not it is undemocratic.</p> <p>I believe that the Chadderton Partnership lacks any legitimacy given they failed to advertise their Annual General Meeting to all registered electors in the three Wards of Chadderton. This excluded the majority of the Towns residents.</p> <p>For the reasons listed above I wish to register my objection to the Chadderton Partnership.</p>
S Emmott		Both	<p>I am writing in response to the consultation currently in place for the Chadderton Partnership applying to be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>I OBJECT to this proposal. A neighbourhood forum should represent a neighbourhood not a whole town. I do not believe the members of this proposed group can understand or represent the views</p>

			and concerns of everyone living in Chadderton (around 40K people). I would want a more localised group to represent the "neighbourhood" I live in.
Sean Fenney		Both	I do not support the "Chadderton partnership" As a resident of Chadderton i have no knowledge of this group and they have not engaged with local people.
Sheryl Fenney		Both	Quick note to make you aware that I do not support The Chadderton Partnership.
S Finkill		Both	I'm writing to voice my concerns about The Chadderton Partnership representing my area as part of the Chadderton neighbourhood area. 1. It does not seem appropriate for councillors to be part of such a forum. They have an opportunity for their voice to be heard in their role as councillors. I don't feel that they should also hold influence in an organisation representing the communities' views. 2. The area encompassed appears too large to represent a "neighbourhood". A symptom of this is the lack of engagement this group has had with everyday citizens in Chadderton (presumably because the area they represent is too large). The only reason I was aware of this is due to leafletting by an organisation local to me in North Chadderton. This suggests that a smaller area is more appropriate to allow genuine community engagement.
S Ford		Both	I would like to register my objections against the establishing of the Chadderton Partnership as the sole neighbourhood forum for Chadderton. I object because I believe the proposed Chadderton Partnership does not present a proper democratic forum and has not been transparent since its establishment and provided information about its meetings to date. The first I have heard or seen anything about this was via information provided by a local neighbour. I am registered with OMBC for information regarding local democracy issues and have seen nor received no information at all regarding the Chadderton Partnership. I therefore object strongly to this without being informed sufficiently and allowed to scrutinise the interests of members of this group.
S Hall		Both	I object to the Chadderton partnership. I think just having one group to voice the opinion of up to 40,000 people is wrong. This matter should go to a local ballot.
S & S Johnson		Both	We have been contacted by the north Chadderton neighbourhood forum which is a small local group. A group known as a Chadderton partnership (members of Chadderton together and labour councillors past and present shared by Tony Tomlinson) have applied to be designated as a

			<p>neighbourhood forum, if this happens one group will have its say about the whole of Chadderton, which cannot be described as a neighbourhood and would prevent other residents forum being designated including the current application for our own North Chadderton neighbourhood forum. We would like to voice our opinion to keep it local as we are members of Plumpton Clough and have seen what local action can achieve.</p> <p>It's easier to keep abreast of a smaller area.</p>
S Lee		Both	<p>I would like to formally object to the Chadderton Partnership application to be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum for the whole of Chadderton.</p> <p>How can this be fair if they speak for the whole of Chadderton. They will not know what the beautiful greenbelt around Cinderhill hill lane, Healds green and outskirts of Tandle Hill means to the local community. Will they really care if green belt is built on around us? I believe that local people in my area of North Chadderton should have a say in the decision process of what goes on in their area. As I have previously stated the green belt in this area is rich in wildlife and is vital in the mental well being of the local community even more so during the pandemic.</p>
S Lowe		Both	<p>I would like to register my objections against the Chadderton Partnership group to be established as a Neighbourhood Forum for Chadderton. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.</p> <p>Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.</p>
S Long		Both	<p>The application by The Chadderton Partnership to Oldham Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum contravenes Section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The area (around 40,000 residents) is far too large and diverse for them to be able to properly consult or represent residents. They have not even consulted any of us about trying to represent us so that does not bode well for future consultations. We need impartiality and true representation, not the biased views of those set to profit from its inception. This application is an abuse of the Governments Localities Act, which is meant for small, local areas. North Chadderton Greenbelt Group is already in the process of establishing a Neighbourhood Forum for the local residents of North Chadderton and is an independent, non-political group, unlike The Chadderton Partnership. North Chadderton Greenbelt Group would be denied their rights if the application from The Chadderton Partnership goes ahead. I will be contacting my local MP this evening regarding this matter.</p>

S & C McCannon		Both	Just a note to confirm that we wish to register our opposition for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation.
S Mckenna		Both	<p>I am writing to express my objection to "The Chadderton Partnership" being designated the neighbourhood forum for Chadderton.</p> <p>The reason is a lack of transparency from the group regarding their membership and plans for Chadderton. Without this this I cannot support this group. Transparency is key to the kind of democratic organisation that should be representing our area.</p>
S McTaggart		Both	<p>I refer to the OMBC consultation regarding the application by the group 'The Chadderton Partnership' for a designated area and a designated forum for the entire area of Chadderton. I wish to place on record my objection to this consultation, and wish it be made known that I do not want the group named 'The Chadderton Partnership' to represent the people of Chadderton on their behalf or my behalf.</p> <p>In the application statement, there is a reference to an appended document stating and naming a list of 21 committed persons, and the areas resided in. This document is an essential element of the consultation, as it gives the citizens of Chadderton the information to ascertain that all areas are represented regarding locations, ethnicity, equality etc, as in OMBC constitution. As the persons referred to the acting under the Localism Act and entering into the public domain, they should not be entitled to anonymity.</p> <p>I have placed my questions to the group named 'The Chadderton Partnership', of which no questions have been answered, or attempted to answer. The Chadderton Partnership, have continually refused to identify themselves and any conflicts of interest (e.g. - are any of the members a stake holder in land or assets) within Chadderton. I personally feel that this group does not have a clear vision or any objectives, to improve our lives, the residents of Chadderton.</p> <p>What is becoming a concern is that there are a vast number of constituents of Chadderton who have never been made aware of the following of the designated area, or the designated forum, and there seems to be a consensus of opinion that the whole process has been done in a manner that does not fill a democratic and open procedure. For example, the creation of the Facebook page - created on 12 August; this was created after the consultation application was in process. This may have been done in order to secure the groups future. Indeed, there appears that there has been no interaction between the group (Chadderton Partnership) and the general public of Chadderton. I am concerned that the above consultation has been going on for a number of weeks, but I have only just been made aware of the consultation through which was their Facebook page.</p>



			I would ask you to consider the above, and request that you intervene with this matter, and postpone the consultation until the above matters are resolved. Once again, I would like to formally raise my objections about the proposed plans for Chadderton Partnership to take control of a designated forum and area.
S Massey		Both	<p>As a Chadderton resident I wish to register my opposition to the formation of this group for the following reasons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As a Chadderton resident of over 20yrs I have never received any previous information about this proposed group other than recent facebook comments.</li> <li>2. If this group purports to represent the views of all Chadderton where were the Invitations for representatives from Residents/Neighbours/Community groups to be involved.</li> <li>3. Why does it seem to only have Labour councillors involved.</li> <li>4. This group does not appear to have any transparency or representation from other councillors and therefore does not represent me as a Chadderton resident in any way</li> </ol> <p>I strongly object to its formation</p>
S Mills		Both	<p>I would like to record my strong objection to the 'The Chadderton Partnership's' application to be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>This application is ludicrous, bordering on incestuous with the number of Labour councillors involved and totally against what a Neighbourhood Forum should represent. The whole of Chadderton should not be classed as a Neighbourhood Forum. The whole of Chadderton does not have the same demographics, needs, concerns, attributes, problems etc. etc..</p> <p>Many of the members of this 'partnership' DO NOT have the safety, health and wellbeing of Chadderton residents at heart. Not only do they not oppose the use of greenbelt land for building purposes, in an area where there is already adequate warehousing and no infrastructure for more houses, they are actively campaigning for it, for their own financial gain, in particular the chair person of this group. I find this morally concerning along with their lack of transparency throughout this process.</p> <p>Oldham council appear to be on the headhunt for scandal with the people and plans they are backing and the sweeping under the carpet of past indiscretions of leaders and councillors. If this application was to be passed it would be yet another slur on an already fragile council and would prove, to not only the residents of Chadderton but to the residents of the borough of Oldham that</p>

			<p>the council does not care about our opinion, our health and wellbeing, our individual communities and our knowledge of the area WHERE WE LIVE NOT JUST HAVE AN OFFICE.</p> <p>I would find the passing of this application abhorrent and totally against the wishes of the members of the smaller, more appropriate Neighbourhood Forums.</p> <p>I WOULD ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE APPLICATION FOR THE NORTH CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM, WHO ARE A FAR MORE BALANCED GROUP WITH MORALLY SOUND AND TRANSPARENT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.</p>
S O'Keeffe		Both	<p>As resident of Chadderton I am extremely concerned about any group of individuals who have the right to speak or make decisions in my behalf. I do not think that the whole of Chadderton, it is a diverse town with diverse needs, is a Neighbourhood by any stretch of the imagination.</p> <p>There is little detail as to what this groups powers would be and where their voice will be heard. We need much more information to understand who these people are, what are their political agenda etc.</p> <p>Surely he elected politicians and counsellors should be making these decisions?</p>
S Roberts		Both	<p>I OBJECT to Chadderton Partnership's proposal that they become the single Neighbourhood forum for the whole of Chadderton</p> <p>I am a resident of and work in Chadderton.</p> <p>I object to the designation of Chadderton Partnership as a neighbourhood forum and Chadderton as a neighbourhood area. Reasons for my objection include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consultation not properly advertised</li> <li>2. Membership of group not open to all. Their constitution enables them to vet members</li> <li>3. No evidence that it's 21 members are active, or that they come from areas across Chadderton</li> <li>4. Group not inclusive of residents- no engagement in developing plans, no public meetings, etc.</li> <li>5. Group led by councillors and dominated by one political party, which is contrary to legal requirements.</li> <li>6. Area too large- planning guidance for indicative neighbourhood area is 5,500. The whole of Chadderton is almost 7 times larger than this at 35,000</li> <li>7. Chadderton is made up of numerous neighbourhoods not just one. Chadderton Partnership do not provide any justifiable reason for treating this diverse area as one neighbourhood.</li> <li>8. Chadderton Partnership's application fails to describe the general characteristics of this diverse area, as is required. This reflects the fact that the area is too large and that they have not engaged with the 35,000 residents.</li> </ol>

			<p>9. National evidence strongly indicates that very large neighbourhood forums struggle to be effective. Forums of just over 20,000 have been beset with problems, it is therefore logical to assume that a forum for 35,000 residents is destined to fail. It will be ineffective; it will not be capable of giving residents a genuine voice. It should not be permitted.</p> <p>The local authority should determine that this group is not a suitable, or desirable 'relevant body', and that the area of Chadderton, with a population of 35,000 is not an appropriate neighbourhood area.</p>
S Rooney		Both	<p>Dear sir/madam</p> <p>I'd like to lodge a concern about the above group. After doing some research I have the following concerns</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- the group contains counsellors who are members of existing political groups</li> <li>2- they are not being open about who their members are</li> <li>3- I've asked in 3 separate occasions for them to share their constitution or their agenda and they have not provided it</li> <li>4- I am concerned that they have a vested/financial interest in building in the local area as members are on boards of building firms</li> <li>5- until recently they have not told members of the Chadderton community about their plans</li> <li>6- I believe that they are not listening to residents' concerns about building on green belt land</li> <li>7- they are not openly asking members of the community to join to give their opinions</li> <li>8- I think that the broader area of Chadderton is too diverse with different issues and therefore they would struggle to represent the needs of everyone</li> </ol>
S Stroud		Both	<p>I would like to raise my objections to this party or partnership as I believe the people of Chadderton do not have sufficient information and given the present situation in Oldham people cannot meet to discuss the matter so any decisions should be deferred a minimum of 12 months. I have not received any information about this group and I'm really unclear how this partnership could represent the entirety of Chadderton.</p>
T Bartley		Both	<p>Regarding The Chadderton Partnership -I would like to raise my objections to this party or partnership as I believe the views of the people of Chadderton will not be heard using this group.</p>
T & L Cyktor		Both	<p>We care where we live and value our green spaces and green belt, therefore we would like to register our objection to the proposed formation of a Neighbourhood Forum. We object to one group deciding the future of our Green Belt and green spaces, for the whole of Chadderton.</p>

T Lennon		Both	I would like to raise my objections to this party or partnership as I believe the people of Chadderton do not have sufficient information and given the present situation in Oldham people cannot meet to discuss the matter so and decisions should be deferred a minimum of 12 months.
T Galgani		Both	<p>I am a resident of Chadderton North.</p> <p>I object to the designation of Chadderton Partnership as a neighbourhood forum and Chadderton as a neighbourhood area. Reasons for my objection include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consultation not properly advertised</li> <li>2. Membership of group not open to all. Their constitution enables them to vet members</li> <li>3. No evidence that it's 21 members are active, or that they come from areas across Chadderton</li> <li>4. Group not inclusive of residents- no engagement in developing plans, no public meetings, etc.</li> <li>5. Group led by councillors and dominated by one political party, which is contrary to legal requirements.</li> <li>6. Area too large- planning guidance for indicative neighbourhood area is 5,500. The whole of Chadderton is almost 7 times larger than this at 35,000</li> <li>7. Chadderton is made up of numerous neighbourhoods not just one. Chadderton Partnership do not provide any justifiable reason for treating this diverse area as one neighbourhood.</li> <li>8. Chadderton Partnership's application fails to describe the general characteristics of this diverse area, as is required. This reflects the fact that the area is too large and that they have not engaged with the 35,000 residents.</li> <li>9. National evidence strongly indicates that very large neighbourhood forums struggle to be effective. Forums of just over 20,000 have been beset with problems, it is therefore logical to assume that a forum for 35,000 residents is destined to fail. It will be ineffective, it will not be capable of giving residents a genuine voice. It should not be permitted.</li> </ol> <p>The local authority should determine that this group is not a suitable, or desirable 'relevant body', and that the area of Chadderton, with a population of 35,000 is not an appropriate neighbourhood area.</p>
T Hoyle		Both	I want to stop the council building warehouses on the Green belt behind Chadderton park.
T Stott		Both	I'm objecting the proposed group "Chadderton partnerships" to become a single neighbourhood forum.
T Raftery		Both	I would like to register my opposition to the Chadderton Partnership and to vote against the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton wards for consultation. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with

			<p>guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices.</p> <p>Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.</p>
T Woodward	Save Chadderton's Beautiful Greenbelt	Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum for the whole of the Chadderton area, and</li> <li>2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: Membership must be open to individuals who live and work in the area concerned.</li> </ol> <p>The CP constitution provides that: 'Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the purpose and principles of the Partnership, the Management Committee shall have the power to refuse membership or may terminate or suspend the membership of any member by a resolution passed at a meeting.'</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. This clause contravenes requirements in the regulations. It enables a committee, who have not been elected by residents, to vet membership.</li> <li>ii. It facilitates the committee's delivery of their own agenda, through the ability to remove opposing, or dissenting voices. It is contrary to the spirit and requirements concerning the inclusivity of all those living and working in the area.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

			<p>iii. The application should be refused on the grounds that membership will not be open and inclusive.</p> <p>B. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: Membership must be open to individuals who live and work in the area concerned.</p> <p>i. This group have not engaged with residents across the neighbourhoods in Chadderton to develop their forum, or this proposal: they have not opened membership to residents in developmental stages. They have excluded residents from involvement.</p> <p>ii. The groups letter of application sites a public meeting on the 3rd April, attended by 30 people. There are no attendance registers, or minutes for this meeting.</p> <p>iii. The date of this 'public' meeting at Chadderton Town Hall does not state in which year it occurred.</p> <p>iv. The 'public' meeting on 3rd April was NOT advertised to the public - for any year.</p> <p>v. It is unlikely that this 'public' meeting was held in 2019 as we have evidence that the group only began to formulate their neighbourhood plan in July 2019, after learning about the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>vi. If the public meeting was held this year, 2020, it would appear that this meeting took place during lockdown. It is very concerning that the council would permit a public gathering (which contravened lockdown requirements) on council premises, at this time.</p> <p>vii. The planning authority should question the claim that a public meeting has been held. There is an absence of clarity concerning date, attendees and the content of this meeting.</p> <p>viii. The application should be refused on the grounds that membership is not open and inclusive.</p> <p>C. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: Membership must include a minimum of 21 individuals</p> <p>Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (7), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that:</p>
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			<p>"A local planning authority ...must ...have regard to the desirability of designating an organisation or body - whose membership is drawn from different places in the neighbourhood area concerned, and from different sections of the community in that area'</p> <p>Who are the 21 members?</p> <p>i. The application made by Chadderton Partnership states that 21 people have 'committed to becoming members'. This is not the same as confirming that these individuals are active members.</p> <p>ii. There is no evidence of consistent membership, meetings, attendance at meetings, or the engagement of any members in drawing up of the proposals advertised.</p> <p>iii. The groups application states that it has a list of members, but this is not available in the documents they have provided, nor is there any indication of the areas these individuals live, or work in. There is no opportunity for the council, or residents, to determine if these individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' actually live, or work in the different neighbourhoods/communities across Chadderton.</p> <p>Selection of group chair</p> <p>iv. The application letter has been submitted by the groups named chair. The Chair is a landowner and prospective property developer in Chadderton. He has developed outline plans to develop housing on the greenbelt in Chadderton and presented these at a public meeting. Local residents were not in favour of his proposals.</p> <p>v. The groups constitution (9.8) provides a standard clause requiring committee members to declare any disclosable pecuniary or personal interests, or prejudicial interest. As there are no documented meetings of this group it is not clear if the chair has disclosed his personal and financial interests.</p> <p>vi. The local planning authority must consider the desirability of designating an organisation, whose chair has financial interests and motivations that seriously conflict with the views of substantial numbers of residents. There is a significant conflict of interests and this will result in considerable tension in the North Chadderton neighbourhood.</p> <p>Strong alignment to single political party</p> <p>vii. The application describes that 4 members of the group are local (Labour Party) councillors. The Vice Chair of the group is an ex Labour councillor/labour party member. It has been brought to our attention that other members of this group are Labour party members.</p>
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			<p>viii. The strong affiliation of group members to a single political party is contrary to the requirement for members to be drawn from different sections of the community.</p> <p>ix. Reinforcing the domination of this group by a single political party is the fact that all labour party members in Chadderton have been told to email OMBC to state that they support this proposal: No explanation provided, just a directive.</p> <p>x. Regulations require an inclusive range of members from different parts of the area and sections of the community. This ensures a democratic process. The strong allegiance of this group to the labour party will prevent a democratic process and independent voice for residents: prejudicial interests will conflict members of Chadderton Partnership, who will be required to follow party policy at the expense of residents wishes. We already have evidence of this, including, for example, councillor members of Chadderton Partnership have supported party policy, to develop warehousing and housing at Foxdenton, and the proposed warehousing development in North Chadderton. Both projects have drawn strong opposition from residents, yet the councillors have disregarded this in favour of party allegiances.</p> <p>xi. The purpose of neighbourhood forums is to empower local residents to have a voice in a public arena the political singularity of this group will not allow this.</p> <p>xii. This application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 members who have 'committed' to joining this group are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party. It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <p>C. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: Membership must include a minimum of 21 individuals Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (7), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that: 'A local planning authority ...must ...have regard to the desirability of designating an organisation or body - whose purpose reflects (in general terms) the character of that area.'</p>
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			<p>i. Documents provided in the application made by this group contain standard clauses about the obligations of neighbourhood forums. However, the application does not demonstrate that their purpose reflects (in general terms) the character of the area.</p> <p>ii. Documents do not contain a purpose which reflects the diverse character of this area: the range of physical, environmental and community characteristics that span the different neighbourhoods in Chadderton. This reflects Chadderton Partnership's failure to engage with communities across Chadderton when developing their proposal.</p> <p>iii. The document entitled Neighbourhood Plan lists the names of various neighbourhoods in Chadderton and mentions the limited community work of Chadderton Together, the councillor led group based on Firwood Park (Chadderton Central ward) This is the group who have established the Chadderton Partnership group. However, there is no evidence that the 21 people involved in Chadderton Partnership (whose identities are not all known) have any understanding of the area, or the needs and wishes of individual communities in Chadderton.</p> <p>iv. This application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. It's purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods/communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have not engaged with the 35,000 residents living in this area.</p> <p>2. Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G)</p> <p>A. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, section 61G provides that a neighbourhood area can only be determined when an application is made by a 'relevant body'</p> <p>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section A above refers). An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this.</p>
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			<p>those living and working there. For example; an area of a size where residents can walk to local services and parks. This is in keeping with the underlying principles of the Localism Act.</p> <p>v. The area of Chadderton includes a population which is almost 7 times larger (636.4%) than the indicative 'appropriate size of a neighbourhood area'.</p> <p>vi. National Neighbourhood Planning Guidance identifies an average population of 5,500 as an appropriate starting point for a neighbourhood area. National evidence and case studies, including through The Local Government Association, identify the success of small neighbourhood forum areas, in comparison to larger areas.</p> <p>vii. It is evident that existing, large neighbourhood areas, although considerably smaller than the 35,000 population area proposed here, are beset with problems.</p> <p>viii. The excessive size of the Chadderton area population, which is almost 7 times (636.4%) greater than the indicative size for a neighbourhood area, presents the almost certain risk of failure. This problem is compounded because there is already friction between residents across Chadderton and the Chadderton Partnership group. There is strong opposition to their designation.</p> <p>i. Any application, made by a 'relevant body', to designate Chadderton as a single neighbourhood should be refused by the planning authority, on the grounds that this would be an inappropriate area. The size of the population and the range of neighbourhoods and communities across Chadderton cannot be fairly, or adequately, represented by a single forum.</p> <p>C. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, section 61G (2) and Schedule 4C (5)(1) (as amended, for a description of 'relevant body'). This provides that the local planning authority should take into account the relevant body's statement explaining why the area applied for is considered appropriate to be designated as such.</p> <p>The statement included by Chadderton Partnership does not provide any rationale or justification for treating Chadderton as a single neighbourhood area. As such the local planning authority should refuse the application to designate this a single neighbourhood area.</p> <p>i. Chadderton Partnership themselves identify that Chadderton consists of at least 4 distinct areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Chadderton/Healds Green/ Chadderton Heights;</li> <li>• Town centre;</li> </ul>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Chadderton;</li> <li>• South Chadderton.</li> </ul> <p>As included in Planning Guidance the 3 ward boundaries should be the starting point for defining neighbourhood areas, with indicative populations of 5,500.</p> <p>ii. Chadderton Partnership site 5 reasons why Chadderton should be treated as a single neighbourhood. No single reason, or combination of reasons provides justification to designate Chadderton as a single neighbourhood area.</p> <p>iii. Reason 1: Chadderton Partnership maintain that all residents in Chadderton have a strong affinity with the whole of the town; so every resident has an affinity to all areas and all 35,000 residents. They state that this affinity 'has been borne out of initial discussions which were held to establish the associated forum'.</p> <p>iv. Reason 1 does not provide a justifiable rationale for area designation:</p> <p>a. As no discussions have been held with residents in Chadderton, and there are no records of Chadderton Partnership meetings, we can only assume that the initial discussions were between some of the 21 members of Chadderton Partnership.</p> <p>b. On the basis of the views of 21 people, that is 0.06% of Chadderton's population, it was therefore determined that Chadderton should be one neighbourhood area. This is not a statistically significant figure; it cannot be used to interpret the views of all, or even the majority of residents in Chadderton. Additionally, as the identities of all 21 individuals is not known, and there is a political singularity in the group, the relevance of this groups isolated views is highly questionable.</p> <p>c. We have evidence that Chadderton Partnership were aware that residents in Chadderton rejected this view that all 35,000 residents shared an affinity as a single neighbourhood. Chadderton Partnership were aware that North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum were pursuing legal status as a forum for a neighbourhood area within the North Chadderton ward. They were advised as early as July 2019 that this forum, with a membership of 34 at that time and which now is more like 100 members and extensive involvement of resident groups beyond this, did not identify with Chadderton as a single, vast neighbourhood. Emails and minutes of meeting confirm this.</p> <p>d. The North Chadderton forum explained that they were working towards a local community forum, for residents, led by residents. The number of residents this represents far exceeds the 21 members of Chadderton Partnership.</p> <p>e. There is no evidence of an affinity amongst residents to indicate, or suggest, that they all identify as a single Chadderton neighbourhood. In fact, the strength of evidence is that the opposite</p>
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			<p>is true: Residents in Chadderton identify with their local neighbourhood area (e.g. North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum) and not with the wider areas and communities across Chadderton.</p> <p>i. Reason 2: Chadderton Partnership state: 'It is considered desirable to include the whole of Chadderton since it is likely that the initial areas of concern that have been identified could not be dealt with in isolation but would have to be considered in the wider context of the area as a whole. If, for example, it is deemed undesirable for development to take place in a particular area of Chadderton there would be a potential requirement to find an alternative site for that development. For that reason, all the available land needs to be contained in the plan boundary.'</p> <p>ii. Reason 2 does not provide a justifiable rationale for area designation</p> <p>a. This is a confused and meaningless statement that does not provide any basis for treating Chadderton as a single neighbourhood area.</p> <p>b. What/where are these 'initial areas of concern' that have been identified'?</p> <p>c. Who identified them? Are these councillor priorities, or aside conversations between the 21 members of Chadderton Partnership?</p> <p>d. What makes these 'areas of concern', so special that they can only be dealt with within a Chadderton boundary? The vague reference includes identifying 'alternative sites for development ' within the Chadderton boundary. There is no indication what this refers to. This narrow view of development also overlooks the fact that Chadderton is one of the smaller towns in the Oldham borough. Saddleworth and Lees, for example make up half of the total area within the borough.</p> <p>iii. Reason 3 - Chadderton Partnership state that: 'Planning at scale will also allow some larger issues such as transport links to have a better chance of being listened to than if proposals are made on a more micro scale. '</p> <p>iv. Reason 3 does not provide a justifiable rationale for area designation</p> <p>a. There is no foundation for such an assumption. Much smaller forums can and do work with planning authorities, and adjacent forums, to successfully achieve this end. There is no need to create a mini council, in the form of Chadderton Partnership, in order to achieve sensible strategies, this would only serve to dismisses the ability to give residents a genuine voice and the local authorities ability to coordinate strategies across neighbourhoods in Oldham.</p> <p>b. If this logic was accepted as justification, then we would instead be looking at a 'neighbourhood area' for the whole of Oldham, or Greater Manchester, or the North West, etcetera. There are of course plans which work to achieve a coordinated approach across wide areas.</p>
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			<p>However, this does not diminish the importance, or relevance, of having input from resident led forums in appropriately sized neighbourhood areas (indicative population 5,500).</p> <p>c. Planning at scale will considerably benefit from the input of residents and the most effective way to achieve this is through appropriately sized neighbourhood areas, which facilitate genuine resident engagement. With a proposed Chadderton wide neighbourhood population of 35,000, the voice of residents will be lost.</p> <p>v. Reason 4 - Chadderton Partnership state that: 'The future of the town centre has also been identified as an important issue which again will have an impact on all residents.'</p> <p>vi. Reason 4 does not provide a justifiable rationale for area designation</p> <p>a. Chadderton town centre has been in decline for at least 20 years. We appreciate that it is not an area that regularly attracts residents from across other neighbourhoods in Chadderton, or from further afield.</p> <p>b. We are aware that the ward councillors across Chadderton would like to revitalise this area. However, this is not a justification for treating the whole of Chadderton as one neighbourhood. It makes a significant assumption that 21st century residents, across all areas of Chadderton, will have an interest in this town centre. Increased mobility and the internet will be two key factors that will make a small town centre of reduced relevance to many. Many of us would of course like to see the area improved. This does not imply any affinity to this area of Chadderton.</p> <p>c. A sensible approach to the development of this centre would be to provide this specific area with neighbourhood area status. A project to develop this area would firstly need to include input from residents living in the community, in the immediate area (neighbourhood). It could then also incorporate research into the use of the centre by surrounding neighbourhoods in Chadderton, Royton and beyond.</p> <p>vii. Reason 5: Chadderton Partnership state that: 'The Neighbourhood Plan will have to be prepared in the context of the emerging GMSF and the renewal of the Oldham Local Plan and will have to deal with the impact of these documents'</p> <p>viii. Reason 5 does not provide a justifiable rationale for area designation</p> <p>a. This has no relevance to treating Chadderton as a single designated area. Smaller, more appropriately sized neighbourhood areas develop highly relevant and effective neighbourhood plans in the context of strategic plans.</p>
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			<p>xv. NCNF continue to receive the support of Locality to establish a forum and area within North Chadderton. This will be on-going.</p> <p>xvi. This contextual information raises significant concerns about the intentions and purpose of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. From the outset they have refused requests to work collaboratively with residents, and they have sought to block NCNF from progressing plans to designate their forum and area. This is not the behaviour of an ethical, trustworthy, or inclusive group.</p> <p>Signed on behalf of Save Chadderton Green Belt</p>
T Woodward		Both	<p>I am writing with regard to the application for designation as a Neighbourhood Forum of the group called "The Chadderton Partnership". I would like to know how this application is being publicised as it seems that many residents, especially the elderly and disadvantaged who are not fortunate enough to have access to online platforms, have no idea about this consultation. I know that in the past, information about consultations was supposedly "available" in public places such as libraries, however, as we are in the grips of a pandemic many of these places remain closed to the public and even if they were open it is likely that the vulnerable in our community wouldn't venture out due to shielding or fear . So my question is, given that the message isn't being spread amongst the very people the consultation is aimed at, is it appropriate to hold a public consultation during a pandemic?</p> <p>I would also like to know If and when the public will have access to the comments made by residents during the consultation?</p>
T Woodward		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to express my opposition to the group calling themselves The Chadderton Partnership being designated as a single Neighbourhood Forum for the whole of Chadderton.</p> <p>Firstly, I would like to express my total dissatisfaction with the current public consultation being held during a pandemic. Given that most public places have been closed for months it is hardly surprising that the current consultation has failed to reach the residents who will be impacted should the designation be made. According to The Statement of Community Involvement 2020 Table 1 there are 18 different ways in which OMBC aims to communicate with the public, I can only see one way in which OMBC have tried to engage with relevant stakeholders i.e. via the Council Website, in the same table it is acknowledges that this method has limitations "Some people may have poor IT skills. Areas may have poor broadband." Due to COVID it appears that many of the ways mentioned</p>

		<p>would have not been viable and yet other more viable /effective options have not been employed e.g. leaflets/ posters.</p> <p>As referenced in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61F (5), (as inserted by Localism Act, schedule 9) provides that:</p> <p>Membership must be open to individuals who live and work in the area concerned.</p> <p>It would appear that over the last 12 months The Chadderton Partnership has held meetings to progress their aim of being designated as a Forum for the whole of Chadderton and yet it seems that they have made little or no attempt to engage with a wider audience, being satisfied to proceed with the minimum number of 21 members. Whilst these 21 members are known to OMBC it appears that their identities are deemed not relevant to the residents they would supposedly be representing. There is no evidence in the application that the existing membership, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. I am not aware of any interested groups e.g. Neighbourhood Watch Committees, Sports Clubs or Resident Groups being invited to join The Chadderton Partnership. It concerns me that in the constitution provided by The Chadderton Partnership it states 6.4 “Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the purpose and principles of the Partnership, the Management Committee shall have the power to refuse membership or may terminate or suspend the membership of any member by a resolution passed at a meeting.” This seems to suggest that they could potentially prevent residents, groups or businesses from getting involved by vetting their application.</p> <p>The Partnership describes itself as a non-political group “The Partnership retains the right to support and propose policies which are consistent with the powers and objects of this constitution which are of a non-party political organisation. It shall not become an affiliate member of, nor work towards the promotion of, any individual political party.”</p> <p>However, looking at the application 4 of the 6 names of the committee which have been published belong to one political party, again there is no evidence that representatives from other political persuasions have been invited to the group so how can they describe themselves as “non-political.” This application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 members who have 'committed' to joining this group are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community and that the group have drawn their membership form a single political party. It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p>
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V Corcoran		Both	<p>I would like to voice my opposition to the 'Chadderton Partnership'. I do not feel this group have acted in an open and transparent way. The meetings held, were not publicised to the general public, and the people of Chadderton have had no voice in the selection of representatives of their committee.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I'm sending an objection to the council as I feel I can't support this.</p> <p>Chadderton Partnership had their first meeting in April 2019 where the committee was decided. This was neither publicly advertised and no minutes have been shared of this meeting despite many requests from different residents.</p> <p>The Chadderton Partnership formed in January 2020, yet it's taken until 12th August 2020 to start a Facebook page and make themselves known to residents whose voices they say they will represent. This has in turn given us a very short time to look into the group as the deadline for objections is Friday 28th August.</p> <p>Despite several attempts from different members of Firwood Park and surrounding Chadderton areas, CP have been unresponsive to any questions. Indeed, they will not divulge the full list of their committee membership.</p> <p>There has been a total lack of engagement from CP with residents in any way.</p>

			<p>It would also appear that people named in the Chadderton Partnership committee have a vested interest, the Chair being a local landowner, and several member of the group having a political allegiance which goes against government guidelines for the formation of neighbourhood forums. I would object to this self appointed group of people representing the whole of Chadderton, my understanding of the government guidelines is that neighbourhood forums should represent a maximum of 5000 people.</p> <p>This group is not representative of people from the whole larger Chadderton area.</p>
V Murphy		Both	<p>I object to the setting up of one solitary neighbourhood forum for the whole of Chadderton. If Chadderton needs 3 separate wards of elected representatives surely it is too large an area to be overseen by one forum of unelected persons.</p> <p>The demographic and needs of the 3 areas are also significantly different from part rural to built up and industrial.</p> <p>It would make more sense for each ward to have a minimum of one forum each.</p> <p>I also assume that there will be safeguards about allowing forum members with vested interests to propose or vote on those matters appertaining to said interests.</p>
V Williamson		Both	<p>REGARDING: PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CHADDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and 2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</li> <li>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable, live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership form a single political party.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p>

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W Marchant		Both	<p>Please record my objection to the setting up of this group. My particular objection is with the make up of the group. There should be no political group within the partnership.</p> <p>The group should only be made of individuals independent of this council.</p>
W Noon		Both	<p>Formation of the Chadderton Partnership has been poorly advertised and many residents within the areas concerned have not received notification or given the opportunity to comment. A reliance on social media is not an adequate form of communication. e.g. I have recently spoken with members of a family run business who live and work in Chadderton, they have heard nothing of the Chadderton Partnership.</p> <p>Oldham Council leader Mr Fielding, recently stated that corporate council communication channels "...have not been as successful as we would like" in respect of advising the people of Oldham of new Corona -Virus 'lockdown' restrictions. If the council cannot get a message out successfully on such a serious issue how did the Chadderton Partnership successfully communicate their intentions?</p> <p>How is it acceptable that a group of people can be established as the representative voice of around 40,000 people, when the great majority have heard nothing about them or their aims. This whole exercise, 'The Chadderton Neighbourhood Plan', is extremely important to the people of Chadderton and more effort should have been made to involve a larger number of residents from within the area.</p> <p>Why is the C.P. applying to be in control of such a large area/population? Would the answer be to have a representative group for each Chadderton Ward liaising with the District Team.</p> <p>We currently live in a democratically established country, the action of setting up the C.P. looks as if it has by-passed any democratic process and therefore is not genuinely representative. How can 30 unknown people attending a meeting (see letter of application) be a real representation of the views of the Chadderton population.</p>

			<p>Conflict of interest.</p> <p>The 'elected' Chairman of the Chadderton Partnership is actively involved in gaining planning permission for a building development of houses and light industrial units on Green Belt land within 200 metres of his home. He recently held an 'exhibition' showcasing plans for a housing development. The Chairman over the years has applied for planning permission to develop buildings on land around him, which was his right. Clearly this is a conflict of interest. It is questionable whether the chairman should be able to influence/ issue a development order for plans that benefit him or his associates with little or no opposition?</p> <p>In the CP constitution it seems to indicate that we no longer need a council planning department and The Chadderton Partnership will make all of the decisions regarding planning and development. Any resident that wants to join the Partnership can be turned down purely on the decision of the chairman. It would appear that once this group has been approved by the council there is nothing that can be done to overturn any decisions of the Partnership, yet again this calls into question the democratic nature of the Partnership.</p> <p>The Chadderton Partnership does not give the age of the elected members or any background detail as to their suitability to represent the people of Chadderton, does this mean that transparency is not a feature of this organisation? It would appear that the Chadderton Partnership is not accountable to any regulatory/official body which must be of great concern to the people of Chadderton.</p>
Z Walsh		Both	<p>I confirm that I work in the Chadderton area as well as reside here.</p> <p>I am registering my objection to the proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.The group referred to as Chadderton Partnership assume the role of a designated neighbourhood forum Chadderton, and 2. Chadderton is designated as a single neighbourhood area.</li> </ol> <p>The reasons for my objection are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.The group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership (CP) are not a suitable 'relevant body', capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum (Sect 61G Town and Country Planning Act 1990) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The application should be refused because their constitution provides that membership can be vetted. It will not be open and inclusive as required in regulations.</li> <li>ii. The application should be refused on the grounds that it has failed to demonstrate that the 21 individuals, who have 'committed to becoming members' of this group, are active, suitable,</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

			<p>live in the area, or are from different sections of the community. This includes that the group have drawn their membership from a single political party.</p> <p>It is not possible to confirm that Chadderton Partnership will provide appropriate and inclusive representation for the 35,000 residents living in the numerous communities/neighbourhoods across Chadderton.</p> <p>iii. The application should be refused because its purpose reflects only the intentions of the 21 people who have 'committed to becoming members' of the group calling themselves Chadderton Partnership. Its purpose does not capture, or reflect, the general characteristics, or ambitions, of the numerous neighbourhoods and communities in Chadderton. This is in part because the proposed neighbourhood area is too large, and also because the group have failed to engage with the 35,000 residents living in the area.</p> <p>2.Chadderton is not a suitable neighbourhood area (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G)</p> <p>i. The group referring to themselves as Chadderton Partnership do not meet the conditions specified in regulations to be designated as a 'relevant body' (section 1. above refers).</p> <p>ii. An organisation who submits an application to designate a neighbourhood area must be capable of becoming a relevant designated body. Chadderton Partnership are unable to demonstrate this.</p> <p>The local planning authority should therefore refuse to determine their application regarding a neighbourhood area.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Guidance (updated May 2020) explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced under the Localism Act, including required key stages and considerations.</p> <p>i. National Neighbourhood Planning Guidance identifies an average population of 5,500 as an appropriate starting point for a neighbourhood area. National evidence and case studies, including through The Local Government Association, identify the success of small neighbourhood forum areas, in comparison to larger areas.</p> <p>ii.It is evident that existing, large neighbourhood areas, although considerably smaller than the 35,000 population area proposed here, are beset with problems.</p> <p>iii. The excessive size of the Chadderton area population, which is almost 7 times (636.4%) greater than the indicative size for a neighbourhood area, presents the almost certain risk of failure. This problem is compounded because there is already friction between residents across Chadderton and the Chadderton Partnership group.</p>
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			<p>iv. Any application, made by a 'relevant body', to designate Chadderton as a single neighbourhood should be refused by the planning authority on the grounds that this would be an inappropriate area. The size of the population and the range of neighbourhoods and communities across Chadderton cannot be fairly, or adequately, represented by a single forum.</p> <p>Town and Country Planning Act 1990, section 61G(2) and Schedule 4C(5)(1) (as amended, for a description of 'relevant body').</p> <p>i. This provides that the local planning authority should take into account the relevant body's statement explaining why the area applied for is considered appropriate to be designated as such.</p> <p>ii. The statement made by Chadderton Partnership does not provide any rationale or justification for treating Chadderton as a single neighbourhood area. As such the local planning authority should refuse the application to designate this as a single neighbourhood area. Please refer to the group objection submitted by the North Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum for further detail in relation to each of these points of law.</p>
<b>Support</b>			
Alan Taylor		Both	I wish to register my support for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote for the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation.
B Bamforth		Both	I would support the Chadderton partnership. It is important to have a voice to preserve our green belt and green spaces.
Cllr C Mclaren		Both	I wish to register my support and to vote for the registration of the neighbourhood forum and designated consultation area.
Cllr E Moores		Both	I am writing to let you know that I have had an opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a Neighbourhood Forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
D Hibbert		Both	I am writing to let you know that I have had an opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a Neighbourhood Forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
D Ashcroft		Both	I would like to support the application of The Chadderton Partnership as a Neighbourhood Forum.

D Quintrell		Both	I fully support the application by The Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood Forum to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Chadderton.
G Taylor		Both	I wish to register my support for the aims and objectives of the Chadderton Partnership Forum and Neighbourhood Plan.
J Hine		Plan	designation of Chadderton neighbourhood plan Please register me for the above
J Pate		Both	I support the community proposals to designate a Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum for Chadderton.
J McLaren			I wish to register my support for the Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Plan.
Jill Barton		Both	I wish to register my support for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote for the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation.
J Bradburn		Both	I wish to register my full support for The Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood Forum.
J Griffin		Both	I would like to register my objections against the Chadderton Partnership group to be established as a Neighbourhood Forum for Chadderton. This would not be appropriate nor is it in keeping with guidance. I feel that this would stop local residents from having their own legitimate local forums and independent voices. Chadderton is not one neighbourhood it is made up of many and therefore I would prefer and support a North Chadderton Neighbourhood forum that reflects the needs of our neighbourhood rather than a Chadderton wide forum.
K Worall		Both	I fully support the application by The Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood Forum to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Chadderton. I believe that having separate partnerships for North, Central and South would be less effective. Chadderton needs to speak with one voice and have an integrated plan as services and communities are inextricably linked.
K Cockram		Plan only	I'm registering my support for the CNP.
L & J Sleith		Both	I fully support the Chadderton partnership neighbourhood forum in their application to develop a neighbourhood plan for Chadderton.
M Owen		Both	Just a note to confirm that I wish to register my support for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote for the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation
J McMahan		Both	I am writing in support of the application by The Chadderton Partnership to designate a Neighbourhood Area and a Neighbourhood Forum for the three Chadderton wards. I have long been

			<p>a supporter of Neighbourhood Plans and I am delighted that we are making progress towards the first one in my constituency.</p> <p>The ability of neighbourhoods to co-produce their own Neighbourhood Plans is something we should be encouraging; it is not contentious to say that the GMSF has not been well received amongst many people in Oldham and across Greater Manchester. It is therefore incredibly important that we encourage the development of Neighbourhood Plans not only in Chadderton as this application relates to, but across Oldham so that developments are steered in the direction that communities want.</p> <p>Rather than a top-down approach of implementing a plan upon residents without support it would be far better to work with residents to come up with a group of meaningful Neighbourhood Plans, which in turn leads to the development of a new Local Plan supported and created by the people of Oldham. Which can enable communities to play an integral role in shaping the areas where they live, work and socialise, as well as strengthening community cohesion.</p> <p>The creation of an official Neighbourhood Forum will go some way to appeasing one of the issues I highlighted in my original response to the GMSF consultation back in 2016, that where sites impacted on a wider group of people consultation events relied on word of mouth from those who would be most affected by the plans. Creating an environment of strategic planning around the future of developments within a given area, rather than applications being made on a case by case basis would be hugely beneficial to the community that lives and works within the designated area.</p> <p>There is no escaping the need to plan for the housing and jobs needs of the future, and I have always supported the principle of a single plan for Greater Manchester. It allows for joined up thinking, especially in areas of housing and transport across the conurbation, but this must be balanced to support communities wants and needs regarding protecting green spaces.</p>
J Shepherd (conditional support)		Both	<p>The area concerned is, as I see it, the main issue here. Please read and publish this submission together with the attached documents that I have numbered Chad NC1 through to Chad NC6.</p> <p>The proposal comes at a fortuitous time. The Planning minister, Robert Jenrick, has recently announced a consultation on proposals to reform an outdated planning system. It is clear from the outline proposals that Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Forums are going to become an important part of this process. So, whether individuals or Local or Regional authorities like the idea or not this government will make it happen. Another part of the government's proposals is to break up the dominance of the big national housebuilders and reduce the untoward influence that they have on Local and Regional authorities over development site allocations. Small and medium sized</p>

			<p>builders are going to be nurtured and enabled to have a much bigger portion of the national housebuilding programme. This will mean that suitable sites will have to come forward for these companies and that does not mean they will have to make do with the derelict mill sites or contaminated tip or brownfield sites that the big companies do not want to touch with a bargepole. The SME companies will not touch them either, so if development and progress is not to stagnate changes will have to be made.</p> <p>In addition, the aim will be to create "Beautiful homes", all new streets will have to be tree lined so densities will have to reduce and more sites will have to be allocated for housebuilding. After the two World Wars the emphasis was put on such ideas to provide homes fit for heroes to live in, but over the passage of time this has been forgotten and houses have been crammed in on sites without garden space or play areas or trees, and in some cases the slums of tomorrow are being built today. Clearly this government intends to reverse that.</p> <p>In the case of the current draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and the following Oldham Local Plan it will mean that the proposals currently included are already probably out of date and out of step with government's new thinking. Large sites in unsustainable locations - such as in Oldham the 600 house Thornham Old Road site or the "Broadbent Moss" 1400 house contaminated tip site (which should by now be a public owned municipal golf course) or the massive joint site with Rochdale for who knows how many houses – will all have to be re-thought and either much reduced in size or even eliminated, and additional smaller and bespoke sites provided for the small and medium size builders in more sustainable locations.</p> <p>These current large sites seem to have been allocated to pander to the whims of the large national housebuilders who want large sites where they can get in, build the houses and get out, and it does not matter what problems arise away from the site entrance those are for the residents of a greater area to suffer and the local authority to deal with.</p> <p>Chadderton, the proper area of Chadderton, does have such more sustainable and much better located sites particularly for road and public transport to offer to the small and medium sized builders, sites that will not crucify town centres and edge of centres with road traffic congestion.</p>
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			<p>The proposal has caused the creation of an opposing group based on the "Save Chadderton Green Belt" campaigners, to arise, and this opposing group have been distributing a leaflet to residents of their immediate area, a copy of which is attached marked Chad NC3. This has caused the original proposers of the forum to distribute a "call for support" leaflet to be distributed, a copy of which is attached marked Chad NC1 and Chad NC2. You will see from Chad NC1 that the constitution of the "Chadderton Partnership" is stated to promote the development of a neighbourhood plan for the WHOLE of Chadderton. It says that it is important for the WHOLE of Chadderton to be involved . Once established, the Focus Group will be responsible for organising a Chadderton Wide consultation online. The Chadderton Partnership it states wishes to promote the interests of ALL communities in Chadderton and not just one community. It says local people will be able to participate in the development of the WHOLE OF CHADDERTON and not just a small area or about a single issue.</p> <p>At the moment it is a bit like an episode of "Dad's Army", with Captain Mainwairing and his troop offering to provide a light for the good people of Chadderton-Upon-Irk, and Hodges and his band of uncouth wardens shouting "Put that light out, PUT THAT LIGHT OUT!". It would be a pity if it turns into a two-sided slanging match, because it is a serious matter as government have now indicated.</p> <p>I would like to offer my complete support to this proposal, but at the moment I can only offer conditional support.</p> <p>(Response states that address in Chadderton is not shown within area applied for and therefore the map is not accurate).</p> <p>There is a large area of Chadderton to the East of the A627M. I attach copies of the Google map for Chadderton marked Chad NC5 and Chad NC6, and even this map is not accurate, there is a bigger area of land than this in Chadderton than Google shows. At the moment I cannot locate my 1960's Ordnance Survey Map which shows the true boundary of the Urban District of Chadderton. In fact Chadderton almost runs up to the boundary of Tandle Hill Park with some of the land at Hough Farm being in Chadderton, and my own most easterly boundary fence is the boundary between Chadderton and Royton.</p>
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			<p>If all this area of Chadderton to the East of the A627M is not included in the proposal then the proposal is not valid as the Chadderton Partnership and the Chadderton Neighbourhood Forum both claim to represent the WHOLE of Chadderton. It follows therefore that any decisions made that do not include this area would be ultra vires the stated constitution and aims of those bodies.</p> <p>The proposal, therefore, if it is to be considered and it must be, needs amending to include the whole of Chadderton, otherwise I do not see how it can be valid.</p> <p>In relation to those opposing this idea, in a certain part of "Old Chadderton" there may be some dwellings that were constructed in the green belt "by the back door" as it were on the grounds that they were agricultural smallholdings. Anyone who might be living in such a dwelling and who might have views such as "I'm all right living in the green belt but not you mate, you must live in a house constructed on a derelict mill site surrounded by poverty, depravation and alien culture, or failing that some contaminated brownfield or TIP site populated by five headed frogs, three tailed newts and bees that go "Zzzzub" instead of "Buzzz" I believe do not have any valid opinions.. Some people do not seem to want any progress at all for Chadderton or indeed Oldham. A great deal of the quality housing in Chadderton, such as Firwood Park, Chadderton Park Road, Cathedral Road and York Road etc have been constructed in my time on land that I remember as greenfield farming land. I knew and remember all the farmers. Chadderton Council in conjunction with Lancashire County Council did a great job, but it mainly stopped when Oldham took over. Neighbourhood Forums and Parish Councils, based on the old town boundary's may be good idea. Why should the people of today not have the opportunity to live in a nice neighbourhood? Why should more nice neighbourhoods not be created?</p>
M Scallan		Both	I fully support the application by Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood Forum to develop a neighbourhood plan for Chadderton
P Byrne		Both	Having worked for some years on Neighbourhood plans in Saddleworth I can only encourage any area to make themselves available to make such a plan as part of the overall Oldham Plan and the GM Strategic plan – should that ever happen
P Tomlinson		Both	I wish to advise my support for the Chadderton Partnership - Designation of Chadderton Neighbour Forum and the Chadderton Neighbourhood Plan as we have interests in Chadderton.
T Tomlinson		Both	Let it be noted that I declare an interest.

			I have no objection to but support the setting up of the Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood Forum and the Chadderton Neighbourhood Area Plan. I wish to be kept informed of future public consultations.
W Scallan			<p>I am writing to let you know that I fully support the application by the Chadderton Partnership neighbourhood Forum to develop a Neighbourhood plan for Chadderton.</p> <p>I understand that this is the first step of the whole process.</p> <p>I know this is probably not the right place to say this but I have been totally shocked and appalled by the underhand comments made by people from save the green belt campaign and from the news from south Chadderton Facebook pages that have been posted against supporting the Chadderton partnership. Never have the team from the Chadderton partnership made it political as they are thinking of and working for the whole of Chadderton and not specific areas of Chadderton like the other two groups trying to persuade people to oppose this. They have constantly tried to make it political which is completely unfair and don't seem to understand the process.</p> <p>I hope you take my comments on board when making your decision.</p>
A Bradburn		Both	Chadderton partnership neighbourhood forum. I fully support the above group
A, P & M Wilcock		Both	<p>We wish it to be known that we wholeheartedly support the above Partnership in its application to become a designated Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>We are against the use of Green Belt land for the development of private and/or commercial property on these areas. There is too much of this that has already received agreement from the Local Authority with no apparent consideration given to the improvement of the areas infrastructure by way of roads, public transport, hospitals, general practitioners, dentists and the capacity of local primary and secondary schools.</p>
E Taylor		Both	I wish to register my support for the Chadderton Partnership and to vote for the registration of the Focus Group (Neighbourhood Forum) with Oldham Council and the designation of the three Chadderton Wards for consultation.
M Rahman		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
A Motin		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal

			to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
M Noor		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
D Sogh		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
M Nurulalam		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
A Ali		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
M Ali		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
M Ahadali		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
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S Akbar		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal



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F Halliwell		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
A Halliwell		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
C Amis		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
L Woodward		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
A Yates		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
E Trice		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
M Greenwood		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
R Howarth		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal

			to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
Audrey Laycock		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
F Laycock		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
Ann Laycock		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
E Brown		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
D Gilmartin		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
J.V Wellens		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
J.J Wellens		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
J.M Wellens		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal

			to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
I Tomlinson		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
M Tomlinson		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
T Drury		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
B Drury		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
S Drury		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
T Clucas		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
M Greaves		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
J Turner		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal

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A Wadsworth		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
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L Kemp		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
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A Bellis		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal

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J Walton		Both	I have had the opportunity to read the statement and letter of application prepared by the prospective forum members and wish to confirm my support and to vote in favour of the proposal to establish a neighbourhood forum so that it can begin work on the consultation process to prepare a neighbourhood plan based on the three Chadderton wards.
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<b>Other</b>			
	Historic England	Both	<p>Consultation on the application to designate The Chadderton Partnership Neighbourhood Forum and application to designate Chadderton Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>Historic England is the Government's statutory adviser on all matters relating to the historic environment in England. We are a non-departmental public body established under the National Heritage Act 1983 and sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). We</p>

			<p>champion and protect England’s historic places, providing expert advice to local planning authorities, developers, owners and communities to help ensure our historic environment is properly understood, enjoyed and cared for.</p> <p>Thank you for consulting Historic England on the above, we do not have any comments to make on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan area. However, we would like to draw your attention to a few points prior to developing your Plan.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plans are an important opportunity for the local community to set the agenda for their places, setting out what is important and why about different aspects of the area within the neighbourhood area boundary, and providing clear policy and guidance to readers - be they interested members of the public, planners or developers - regarding how the place should develop over the course of the plan period.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan area contains approximately 12 textile mills which make a significant contribution to the area’s unique character and identity. The Neighbourhood Plan for Chadderton provides an opportunity to include the mills, which are an important part of its historic environment, within the strategy that you develop for the area. This will ensure that those assets and the wider historic environment can be enjoyed by future generations through their conservation and enhancement, and ensure that the plan is in line with the requirements of national planning policy as defined in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).</p> <p>If you have any queries about anything above, or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>
	Coal Authority	Both	<p>Our records indicate that the Neighbourhood Plan area proposed contains coal mining legacy associated with past coal mining activity at shallow depth, including; mine entries and recorded and likely unrecorded coal workings. Records also indicate that surface coal resource is present in the area.</p> <p>Any sites allocated by the Neighbourhood Plan will need to consider the potential risks that the coal mining legacy features present pose to the development proposals.</p>

	Canal & River Trust	Both	I am writing to confirm that the Canal & River Trust has no comment to make at this stage. However, the Trust owns and operates the Rochdale Canal, part of which runs through the proposed neighbourhood area, and as such we would very much welcome inclusion in the database of consultees going forward.
	Homes England	Both	Homes England does not wish to make any representations on the proposed Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum for Chadderton. We will however continue to engage with you as appropriate.
D Dunlop	Lancashire Wildlife Trust	Both	I've no personal knowledge of the area delineated but can see no nature conservation reason why it would not be a suitable one. I've no personal knowledge of the Chadderton Partnership, so we have no initial comment on that. We may respond in more detail should later core charitable capacity allow.
	Natural England	Both	Natural England does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body. However, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information sources the neighbourhood planning body may wish to use in developing the plan, and to highlight some of the potential environmental risks and opportunities that neighbourhood plans may present. We have set this out in the annex to this letter.