

**COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**APPLICATION TO CITY OF YORK COUNCIL**  
**FOR DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

Copmanthorpe Parish is situated approximately three miles south-west of York city centre and lies within the Rural West York ward of City of York Council. It comprises the village of Copmanthorpe and surrounding farmland interspersed with a number of farmsteads and individual houses. The attached map shows the extent of the parish with its boundary shown by red line.

**2. STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE PARISH IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN APPROPRIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA**

Copmanthorpe Parish Council plays an important and active role within the community and its declared objective is to represent effectively all of the people who live in the parish. Consultation carried out to date shows a strong desire from parish residents for a neighbourhood plan. The Parish Council works alongside City of York Council on many matters including road and footpath maintenance and street lighting, and is a statutory consultee on planning applications within its area. The Parish Council manages the Burial Ground, the Allotments, two village greens and numerous green spaces. It plays a significant role on the Recreation Centre Committee, the Youth Club, and the local Drainage Board as well as working closely with the local Police team on law enforcement matters. It gives financial support to numerous village groups and organisations and actively keeps parishioners informed through its website, Twitter account, notice boards and regular newsletters.

**3. COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL AS THE RELEVANT BODY**

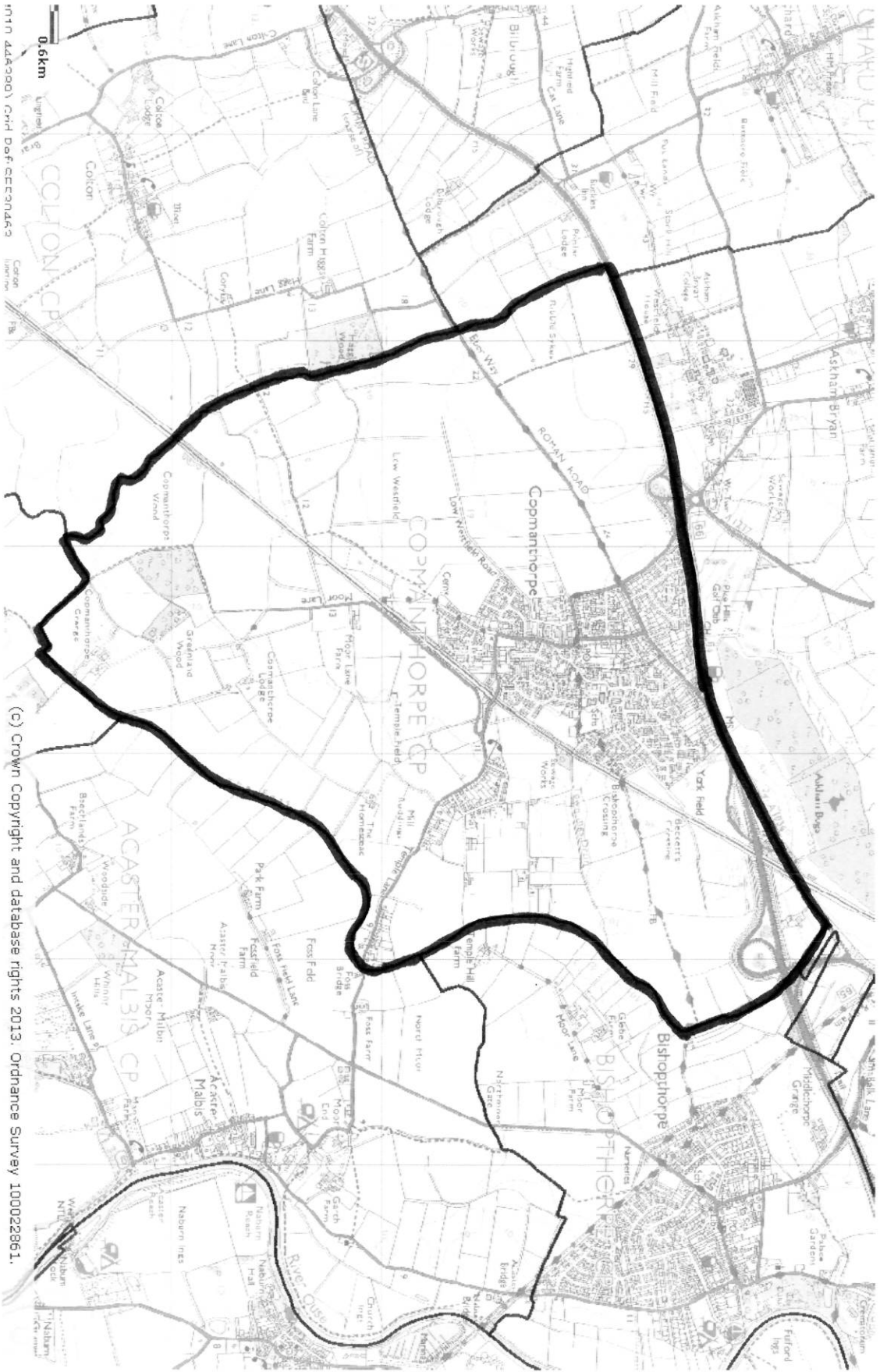
Copmanthorpe Parish Council is the official statutory first tier of government in its parish area and enjoys the strong support of the local community. The Council has considerable collective knowledge of its parish area and has a deep understanding of the area's planning opportunities and constraints and how these interact with the aspirations and concerns of the residents of the parish.

**4. CONCLUSION**

A significant amount of ground work has already been undertaken towards preparing a neighbourhood plan for the parish and Copmanthorpe Parish Council looks forward to receiving formal designation of its neighbourhood plan area and to working with City of York Council in completing its neighbourhood plan.

  
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**CHAIRMAN**  
**COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

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