

Burscough Draft Neighbourhood Plan – Burscough Town Centre Boundary

The draft Neighbourhood Plan proposes some minor changes to the Town Centre boundary as shown in the West Lancashire Local Plan (as shown in Figure 1 below).

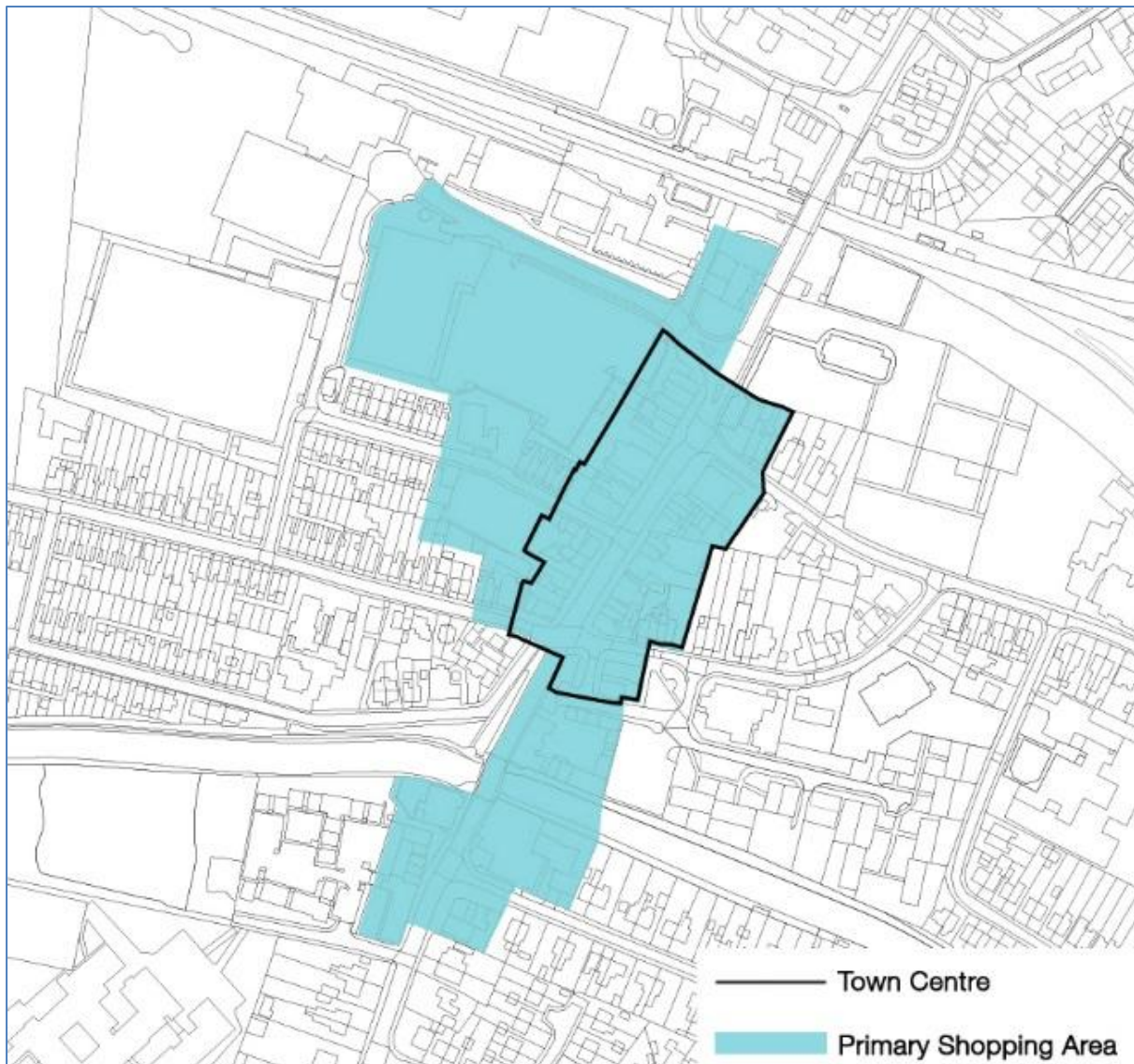


Figure 1: Burscough Town Centre (as designated in the WLLP)

The Centre boundary, as shown on Figure 2, is the same as that within the WLLP with three additional areas:

1. The car park at Stanley Court
2. The car park on School Lane adjacent to the Hopvine public house
3. The Burscough Bridge railway station, Interchange and car park

It is considered that these areas should be included within the Centre boundary as they are important for the continued vitality, viability and accessibility of Centre. The existing car parking provision within and around the Town Centre is seen as providing Burscough with a competitive advantage over other Centres in the area.

The existing car parks within and adjacent to the Centre are considered an important asset for the settlement as is the rail station. The car parks should be protected from development in line with the proposed NP Policy BPT3 'Car Parking'.

The primary shopping area as designated in the WLLP remains the same.

The proposed boundary changes comply with paragraph 23 of NPPF in that they support the viability and vitality of Burscough Centre and paragraph 40 of NPPF in improving the quality of parking in town centres so that it is convenient, safe and secure.

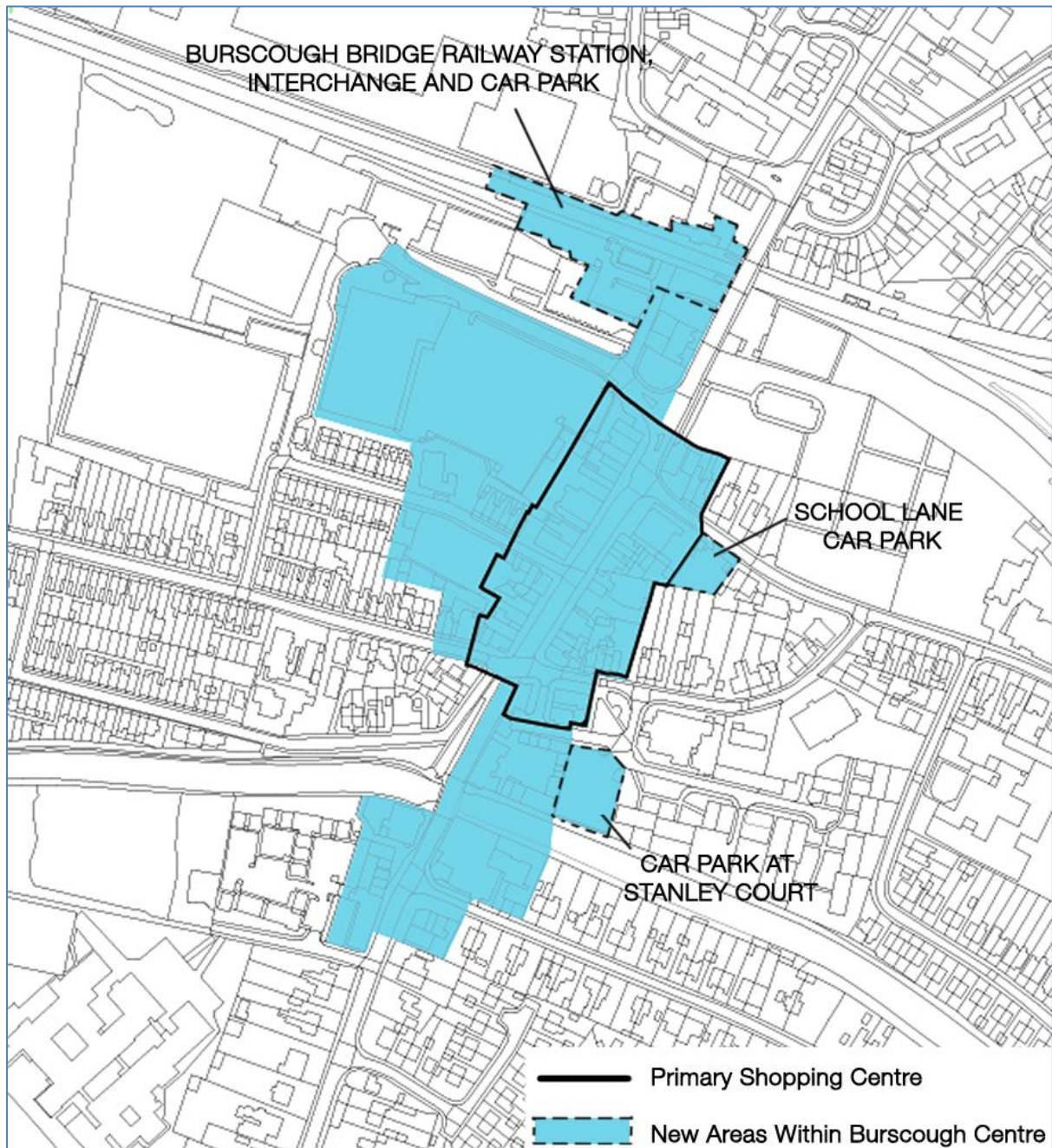


Figure 2: Burscough Town Centre (as proposed within the Neighbourhood Plan)