



The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Application form for the designation of a neighbourhood area

This application must be made by the relevant parish or town council wishing to apply to Northumberland County Council for the designation of a neighbourhood area. The submission of an application to the local planning authority is a requirement under The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as a pre-requisite to preparing a neighbourhood development plan or order.

A map indicating the boundary of the proposed neighbourhood area must accompany this form.

(Please place X in box to indicate that the proposed neighbourhood area map is included)

X

Please give a brief statement in the space below telling us why the proposed area shown on the map has been chosen as being appropriate for the purpose of neighbourhood planning.

Mid Coquetdale Neighbourhood Area

Rothbury Parish Council, Cartington Parish Council, Thropton Parish Council and Whitton and Tosson Parish Council have, following discussions and a meeting with NCC, each formally agreed and minuted their intention to work together to prepare a neighbourhood plan. The area proposed for neighbourhood planning purposes is defined as the local administrative boundaries of the four civil parishes. Part of Whitton & Tosson parish lies within Northumberland National Park. It is intended and agreed that Rothbury Parish Council will be the qualifying body for neighbourhood planning purposes as it has the largest population of the four parishes.

There is a strong functional relationship between Rothbury parish and the three adjacent parishes, whose residents use Rothbury's many services. The parish councils feel it would be appropriate through a Neighbourhood Plan, to prepare local planning policies that can better address the needs and wishes of the local community.

I can confirm that Rothbury Parish Council is a relevant body for the purpose of neighbourhood planning in accordance with section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.



Signed
(Chair of Parish or Town Council)

Date: February 5th 2015

Publicising your application

As soon as possible after receiving an application for the designation of a neighbourhood area, the county council will publicise the application on our website and in such other manner considered likely to bring the application to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the area. This publicity will include:

- a copy of the application for designation of the area;
- details of how to make representation; and
- the date by which representations must be received by the county council, being no less than 6 weeks from the date on which the application is first publicised.

Publicising the decision

As soon as possible after designating a neighbourhood area, the county council will publish the following information on our website and in such other manner considered likely to bring the designation to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area. This publicity will include:

- the name of the neighbourhood area;
- a map that identifies the area; and
- the name of the relevant body who applied for the designation.

If a decision is made to refuse to designate a neighbourhood area, the county council will publish that decision in a similar manner as if the designation was accepted. This will include:

- a document setting out the decision and a statement of the reasons for making that decision; and
- details of where and when the decision document may be inspected.

Please return application form to:

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If you would like to discuss your application please contact Clive Coyne by phone, email or in writing using the above contact details.