

RECORD OF DECISIONS BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBER

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Councillor Tom Brechany, Executive Member for Planning, Housing and
Regeneration

Decision on the application to designate Allendale Parish as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to determine an application to designate the civil parish of Allendale as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

2.. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The civil parish of Allendale Parish should be designated as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; and
2. The Allendale Parish area will not be designated as a business area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

3. Background

- 3.1 In 2011 Allendale was selected to be part of the government's first wave of neighbourhood planning 'Front Runners' to test neighbourhood planning powers introduced through the Localism Act and other enabling Regulations. Legislation sets out a number of steps that are required to be taken when using neighbourhood planning powers. The first requirement is to have an area designated as a neighbourhood planning area. Once this has been done, all other neighbourhood planning powers may be exercised by the Parish Council.
- 3.2 Allendale Parish Council is leading the preparation of the neighbourhood development plan. This has reached the stage where formal public consultation on a draft plan will start on 21 January 2013. In order to consult on this draft plan it is necessary to have a neighbourhood area formally designated.
- 3.3 The area designation application covers the whole of the parish of Allendale. The application complies with requirements set out in the relevant Regulations. It has been publicised for seven weeks, from 2 November to 21 of December 2012, in excess of the minimum six week period specified in the Regulations. Publicity took the form of a public notice in the Hexham Courant; site notices posted around the parish; and written notification to adjoining parish councils and to statutory consultees including Durham County Council. In addition the application was published on the County Council's website. No representations were received during the publicity period which ended on 21 December 2012.
- 3.4 The area proposed for designation is considered suitable for neighbourhood planning purposes in that it is a discreet local government administrative area comprising a single civil Parish Council area which is geographically distinct from neighbouring areas. It is expected in parished areas that the designation of neighbourhood areas

will generally follow Parish Council administrative areas unless there are clear reasons why an alternative area should be designated.

- 3.5 The County Council must determine the application for designation of the neighbourhood area and must consider whether the area should also be designated as a business area for neighbourhood planning purposes. The application has attracted no objections and it proposes a suitable area for neighbourhood planning purposes. There are no specific proposals from the local business community that would require designation of the neighbourhood area as business area.

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DECISION TAKEN

Corporate Director of Local Services

Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Regeneration

Subject: Designation of Allendale Parish as a neighbourhood area

Decision taken:

Designation of the civil parish of Allendale as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; and

The Allendale Parish area will not be designated as a business area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

Signatures

Corporate Director of Local Services:

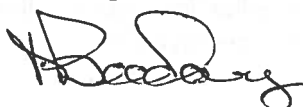
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