

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)

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.

Alnwick and Denwick Neighbourhood Area Designation Statement

Alnwick Town Council in partnership with Denwick Parish Council has resolved to apply for designation of a Neighbourhood Area with the intention of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Alnwick and Denwick.

The Neighbourhood Area is proposed to include all of Alnwick and Denwick Parishes.

Alnwick Parish is enclosed to the north by Denwick Parish and to the south by Denwick Parish Detached. The eastern section of Alnwick Parish is largely dominated by Alnwick town with a rural hinterland extending to the west and south west across Alnwick Moor.

Denwick Parish extends north from the town outskirts almost to South Charlton and includes all of Hulne Park the ducal home park. Denwick Parish Detached extends southwards from the town outskirts towards Shilbottle and Newton on the Moor.

See Continuation Sheet

I can confirm that Alnwick Town Council (In partnership with Denwick 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 Asy onnards (Chair of parish or town council)

Date: .. 19th June 2012.....

(Please find additional information overleaf).

Alnwick and Denwick Neighbourhood Area Designation Statement Contd

The limits of Alnwick Parish do not include all of the area of Alnwick town. The town's major industrial and commercial areas at Lionheart and Cawledge Business Parks, as well as the town's major employer- Covance the pharmaceuticals company-, lie within the area of Denwick Parish Detached. Equally with heritage and environmental constraints to the north of the town, the opportunities for further development of the town, including the proposed site of the new High School and education campus, are located within Denwick Parish Detached. To the north of the town, the historic landscape setting of Alnwick and the town's northern junction on the A1 are located in the main area of Denwick Parish. The Neighbourhood Area therefore must extend beyond the confines of Alnwick Parish.

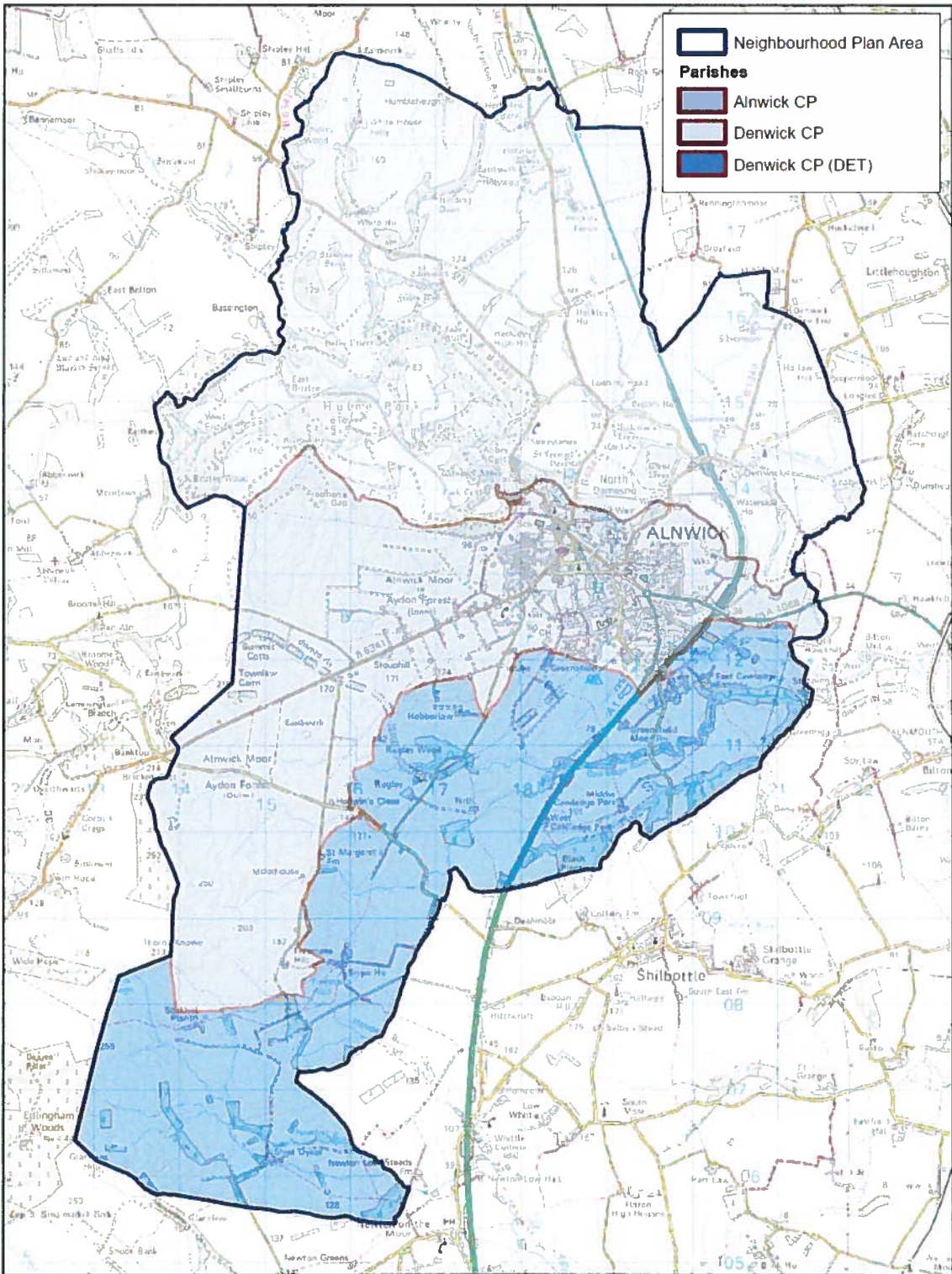
Alnwick Town Council and its advisory Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Plan have carried out consultations with both Denwick Parish Council and Northumberland County Council officers regarding an appropriate limit to the Neighbourhood Area to establish whether a Neighbourhood Area drawn more tightly on the town of Alnwick would be preferable, given that the Neighbourhood Development Plan is to concentrate on the town.

Denwick Parish Council's preference is that if any part of Denwick Parish is to be included, the whole parish area should be, including Denwick Detached.

Notwithstanding the fact that including the area of both parishes incorporates more extensive areas of open countryside than is strictly necessary for the purposes of a Neighbourhood Development Plan, the simplest option is to include the full area of both parishes as the Neighbourhood Area.

There are three practical reasons for this. First, Alnwick as a market town has strong links with its hinterland and the issues facing the town also affect the immediate hinterland. Secondly, the statistical evidence base is usually available down to parish level, less so at sub-parish level. Thirdly, if a possible source of funding the preparation of the plan is to consider using some of the Parish precept or levy an increased precept, it would be simpler and more equitable if the plan was being prepared for the whole parish area in each case.

Accordingly all parties (Alnwick Town, Denwick Parish and Northumberland County Councils) considered that the Neighbourhood Area should be based on the area of both Alnwick and Denwick Parishes (see plan attached). This Neighbourhood Area was approved by the Alnwick Town Council on 13 October 2011 and by Denwick Parish Council on 2 March 2012.



Neighbourhood Plan Area

Parishes

- Alnwick CP
- Denwick CP
- Denwick CP (DET)

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