

## 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)*

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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.

Cramlington Town Council was identified as the lead organisation to develop a neighbourhood plan as part of the government's final call for the neighbourhood planning pilot programme – the 'Front Runners'. Cramlington south west sector was initially proposed as the area for which a neighbourhood plan could usefully be prepared as a means of finalising the longstanding expectation to complete this New Town by expanding to the south west.

In 2012, Planning Aid England ran a visioning workshop with Cramlington Town Council which identified a range of issues beyond the south west sector. Subsequently, the Town Council agreed that the plan area should cover the whole of the parish giving an opportunity to bring together all associated service and infrastructure providers to plan future development of the town, but having an initial focus on the south west sector. The Town Council understand that it is normally accepted as appropriate for neighbourhood plan areas to be designated by reference to civil parish areas. Cramlington has been identified in consecutive planning policy documents as Northumberland's sub-regional focus for employment and housing development. With regard to this position the Town Council considers it appropriate to prepare up-to-date locally relevant planning policies to deal with applications for development within the parish.

Cramlington Town Council is an active and very capable Town Council, who are committed and wish to promote and shape the delivery of planned growth in and around the town.

I can confirm that **CRAMLINGTON TOWN 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 ..... *E. A. Mitcheson* ..... (Chair of parish or town council)

Date: 22 October 2013

*(Please find additior I information overleaf).*

