

# 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.

Northumberland County Council submitted a successful application to DCLG on behalf of Morpeth Town Council for Neighbourhood Planning Frontrunner status. In this bid Morpeth Town Council confirmed that it was enthusiastic about becoming involved in neighbourhood planning in order that it could "steer, guide and encourage appropriate development...to ensure that the right things are built in the right area".

Although Morpeth Town Council is the qualifying body for the preparation of The Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan, plans do not have to be for the whole or part of that parish; they can combine with neighbouring parishes to prepare a joint plan. Following discussions between the Town Council and the adjoining parishes, all parishes have resolved that The Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Area will include all of the adjoining parishes of Mitford, Pegswood, Hepscott and Hebron (as indicated on the accompanying plan; and as confirmed by the relevant parish letters).

Reflecting relatively tight administrative boundaries, Morpeth's growth may spill over into adjoining parishes and Pegswood additionally has the potential to accommodate some of Morpeth's development needs.

There is also a strong functional relationship between Morpeth and its hinterland in terms of local shops, local services and local employment. The quality of shops, services and employment opportunities will impact upon the quality of life of residents in adjoining communities. There is a particular interest in the vitality and vibrancy of the town centre. In turn, adjoining communities can add to housing choice as well as contributing to Morpeth's attractive landscaped setting.

The proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area was publicised through the Launch Event Programme held in October 2012. No adverse feedback was received on the proposed Plan Area being taken forward.

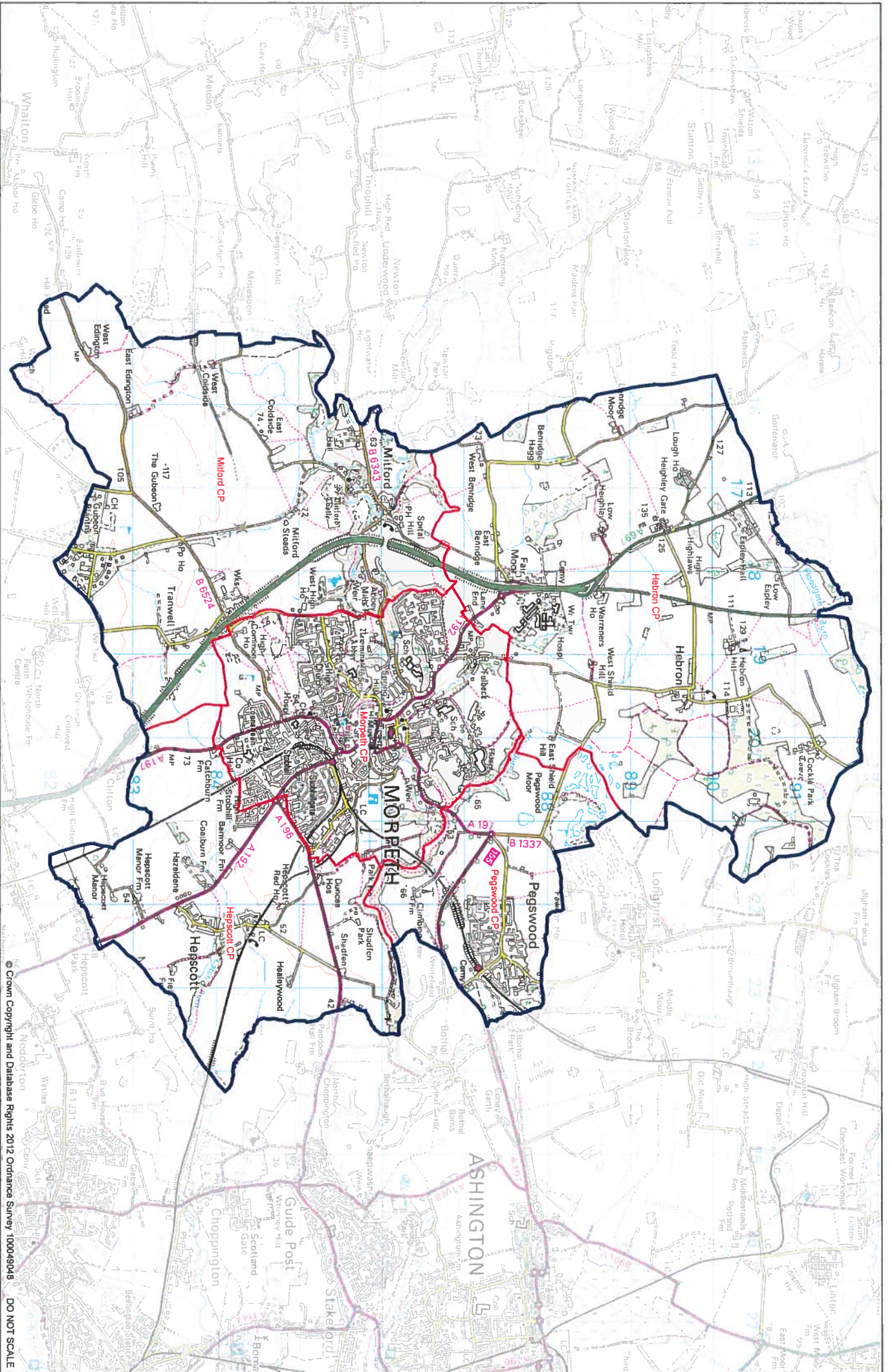
I can confirm that MORPETH TOWN COUNCIL  
(insert name of parish or town council) is a relevant body for the purpose of neighbourhood planning in accordance with section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Signed Mark Hobbs (Chair of parish or town council)

Date: 9th January 2013

*(Please find additional information overleaf).*

Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Draft Plan Area



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- Draft Neighbourhood Plan Area
- Civil Parishes



## 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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