

# **RECORD OF DECISIONS BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

Barry Rowland, Corporate Director of Local Services  
Councillor Alan Hepple, Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Regeneration

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## **Decision on the application to designate the civil Parish of Ponteland as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning**

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### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to determine an application to designate the Civil Parish of Ponteland as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

### **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 The Civil Parish of Ponteland should be designated as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and;
- 2.2 The area covered by the parish of Ponteland will not be designated as a business area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 Ponteland Town Council established a neighbourhood plan group in January 2013 with the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan alongside the County Council's emerging Core Strategy.
- 3.2 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 relevant qualifying body, in this case, Ponteland Town Council.
- 3.3 The area designation application complies with the requirements set out in the relevant Regulations. It has been publicised for six weeks, from 11 March to 22 April 2013 in line with the Regulations. Publicity took the form of a public notice in the Journal; site notices posted around the parish of Ponteland; written notification has been given to adjoining parish councils; and the application was publicised on the County Council's website.
- 3.4 One representation has been received from Lugano Property Group which indicates that they neither object nor support the proposed area. There are no specific proposals from the local business community that would require designation of the neighbourhood area as a business area.
- 3.5 The area proposed for designation is considered suitable for neighbourhood planning purposes in that it comprises a discreet Civil Parish administrative area where the town of Ponteland sits within its rural hinterland. The surrounding Parishes are largely rural in nature comprising primarily agricultural uses. Adjoining Parish Councils have expressed no intention of preparing neighbourhood plans and have not indicated any preference to join with Ponteland to increase the size of the neighbourhood area. It is expected in Parish areas that neighbourhood area boundaries will generally follow Parish Council

administrative areas unless there are clear reasons why an alternative area should be designated.

- 3.6 The County Council must determine the application for designation of the neighbourhood area and must also consider whether the area should also be designated as a business area for neighbourhood planning purposes.

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## DECISION TAKEN

**Corporate Director of Local Services**

**Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Regeneration**

**Subject: Designation of parishes of Ponteland as a neighbourhood area**

**Decision taken:**

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

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

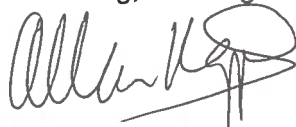
**Signatures**



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