

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.

Stannington Parish as an electoral division dates back to 1894 and covers a rural area of the former Castle Morpeth District. The market town of Morpeth lies to the north whilst the new town of Cramlington lies to the east and Ponteland to the west. Newcastle and Tyneside lie a few miles to the south of the parish. The main settlement is the village of Stannington with Clifton, Stannington Station, Glororum and St Mary's forming smaller hamlets in the surrounding countryside. However St Mary's is set to grow significantly in the coming years. Population is estimated at circa 2000 with electors around 1100. There are several former hospital sites in the parish as well as a children's secure unit. The Blagdon Estate, family home of the Ridley family for many generations lies at the heart of the parish with many tenanted properties, farmland, parkland and of course Blagdon Hall. Much of the commerce in the parish comes from tenant farms, some home working and a significant amount of commuting workers into Newcastle, Morpeth and beyond. A small but growing amount of home working exists across the parish. The vast majority of residents commute to work. A small number of farm conversions and market garden type developments provide a good local provision in organic produce. Geographically the parish is divided by the main A1 trunk road from Newcastle to Edinburgh, borders Plessey Woods Country Park and also Northumberlandia, a major landform attraction. The River Blyth crosses the southern edge of the parish. Over recent years significant opencast mining has taken place on the edge of and within the parish with Shotton OCCS being currently in operation. Housing in the parish varies from tenant agricultural workers properties, to Blagdon Hall. Many people live on the Blagdon Estate either as workers or retired workers. A mix of private housing, social housing and small holdings make up the remainder of the housing stock and construction materials generally mimic traditional Northumberland materials such as stone, slate and red brick. Incomes across the parish vary significantly from those with relatively low incomes to those with professional backgrounds. The complex and very unique nature of the parish brings with it the need to ensure that planning is sympathetic to the many aspects of parish life, its heritage and cultures and this is the basis that neighbourhood planning status is sought.

I can confirm that STANNINGTON PARISH 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 GA Cairns (Chair of parish or town council)

Date: 16.6.13

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:

Karen Ledger
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Northumberland County Council
County Hall
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 2EF

Email: Karen.ledger@northumberland.gov.uk

If you would like to discuss your application please contact David English by phone or email:

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