

RECORD OF DECISIONS BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBER

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

Decision on the application to designate the Parish of Tasset and Greystead as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to determine an application to designate the civil parish of Tasset and Greystead as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The civil parish of Tasset and Greystead should be designated as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; and
2. The area covered by the parish of Tasset and Greystead will not be designated as a business area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

3. Background

- 3.1 In 2011 Tasset and Greystead was identified by the Northumberland National Park Authority along with the neighbouring parishes of Bellingham and Wark as a potential candidate for the government's neighbourhood planning 'Front Runners' programme which aims to test neighbourhood planning powers introduced through the Localism Act and other enabling Regulations. A bid for Front Runner status was lodged under the name 'The North Tyne Plan'. Although the bid was led by the National Park Authority it was supported by the Council. It gained Front Runner status in May 2011.
- 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 qualifying body leading the preparation of the neighbourhood development plan. After discussions between the three Parish Councils involved in The North Tyne neighbourhood plan bid, a number of subtle differences in both the character of the parishes and also the aims of the neighbourhood plan making process became apparent. Tasset and Greystead Parish Council ultimately decided to pursue a separate neighbourhood planning project covering only their own Parish.
- 3.3 Tasset and Greystead civil parish lies partially within the Northumberland National Park and partially with Northumberland County Council's administrative area. As a consequence, and having regard to legislation covering such cases, the two Local Planning Authorities charged with determining planning applications in those areas must both make a decision on separate applications to designate a neighbourhood area. A separate application has been made to the Northumberland National Park Authority.
- 3.4 The area designation application covers the entirety of the civil parish of Tasset and Greystead. The area designation application complies with the requirement set out in the relevant Regulations. It has been publicised by the Council for six weeks, from 4 February to 18 March 2013 in line with the Regulations. Publicity took the form of a public notice in

the Hexham Courant; site notices posted around the parish; and written notification to adjoining parish councils and Cumbria County Councils. The application was also publicised on the County Council's website. The National Park Authority are also required to undertake appropriate publicity in respect of the application submitted to them.

- 3.5 Only one representation was received during the publicity period which ended on 18 March 201, This was received by email from Cumbria County Council who stated that they had no issues with the proposed area boundary but would welcome the opportunity to comment on further applications should the neighbourhood plan progress.
- 3.6 The area proposed for designation is considered suitable for neighbourhood planning purposes in that it is a discreet local government administrative area comprising a single civil Parish Council area which is geographically distinct from neighbouring areas. It is expected in parished areas that the designation of neighbourhood areas will generally follow Parish Council administrative areas unless there are clear reasons why an alternative area should be designated.
- 3.7 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. The application has attracted no objections and it proposes a suitable area for neighbourhood planning purposes. There are no specific proposals from the local business community that would require designation of the neighbourhood area as a business area.

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DECISION TAKEN

Corporate Director of Local Services

Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Regeneration

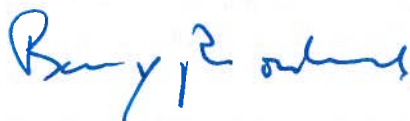
Subject: Designation of Tasset and Greystead as a neighbourhood area

Decision taken:

Designation of the civil parish of Tasset and Greystead 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 Tasset and Greystead will not be designated as a business area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

Signatures



Corporate Director of Local Services:

Date: 08/04/13

Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Regeneration:



Date: 10/04/13