

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

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Please note that the information provided on this application form may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Communities team.

* Indicates a mandatory field

1. Parish Clerk details

Title:*
 First name:*
 Last name:*
 Property name or no.:*
 Address 1:*
 Address 2:
 Address 3:
 Town:*
 County:*
 Postcode:*
 Email address:

2. Additional contact details (if different)

Title:
 First name:
 Last name:
 Property name or no.:
 Address 1:
 Address 2:
 Address 3:
 Town:
 County:
 Postcode:
 Email address:

3. Relevant body:

Please confirm that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations.

Yes

No

District:*

Parish:*

4. Name of the Neighbourhood Area:

Please give a name which your neighbourhood area will be formally known:*

5. Extent of the area:

Please indicate below and attach an OS plan showing the intended extent of the area:*

Whole parish boundary area:

Part of the parish:

Joint with neighbouring parish:

To satisfy Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a statement is required to explain why the proposed neighbourhood plan area is considered appropriate in order for it to be designated. Please provide a statement below that explains why you consider the extent of the neighbourhood area appropriate:*

The parishes of Botesdale and Rickinghall Inferior/Superior propose to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan. This proposal is made via a steering group convened at the instigation of the community and under the auspices of Botesdale and Rickinghall Parish Councils. The whole of the three parish boundary areas, Botesdale (454 dwellings), Rickinghall Inferior and Rickinghall Superior (531 dwellings), will form the defined area bounded by the green line drawn on the attached map.

The parishes are relatively compact, interconnected settlements, together forming a Key Service Centre with a

shared school, health centre and shops. They are also set within an extensive rural area with shared roadways and connecting footpaths/bridleways. The inclusion of the rural areas of the parish will allow important characteristics of the community – such as open spaces and countryside views – to be highlighted and considered in planning deliberations. In addition, visually important designated areas and specifically identified sites of scientific interest can be included. This will also give the Neighbourhood Plan flexibility in where development for housing and economic development will take place. Finally, the parish boundaries are the statutory administrative boundaries and there is no evidence to suggest that the designated area should either be larger or exclude any parts of the named parishes.

6. Intention of Neighbourhood Area:

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area:*

- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Neighbourhood Development Order
- Community Right to Build Order

Please provide support for your choice below. For example, which parish and community meeting has the above choice been discussed at? Are the community aware of what is being proposed and why? Do the community support the choice selected?*

A public meeting held on 18 January, following distribution of a public notice to every household, and was attended by 80+ residents. They agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan was necessary to identify the characteristics of future development within Botesdale and Rickingham. A further meeting was held on 30 January, attended by 32 people, to establish a forum to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan. That meeting agreed that the plan should cover the whole area of the three parishes, Botesdale, Rickingham Inferior and Rickingham Superior. Seven nominations were made to form a Steering Group, which met on 9 February to establish the details of overseeing the development of the Plan. The Steering Group has representation from both parish councils and will be supported administratively by the Clerk for both councils.

7. Additional joint parish details:

If you are applying with an adjoining parish or parishes please give the clerk's details for each parish:

The Clerk for Botesdale Parish Council is also Mrs Leeann Jackson-Eve.

8. Declaration:

I/we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and the accompanying plan.

In the case of a joint parish application, names from each parish are required.

Name(s)*

William Sargeant

Date (dd/mm/yy)*

05 Mar 2017

Geoff Short

Date (dd/mm/yy)*

05 Mar 2017