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Date: 21 March 2016

Dear Mr Young

Neighbourhood Area Designation Application – West Bedlington

Thank you for your application for the designation of West Bedlington civil parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning. I can confirm that we will now publicise your application for the statutory minimum period of 4 weeks.

The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations specify that the application must be advertised on the local planning authority's website and in such other manner considered likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the area. To ensure that the local community are given the opportunity to comment on the application and to ensure that the County Council meets its statutory obligations, we have publicised the application on our website, posted site notices in prominent positions in West Bedlington Civil Parish and issued a press release which should appear in the local paper in the near future. Copies of the application are available at:

- Bedlington Library, Glebe Road, Bedlington, NE22 6JX: Monday to Wednesday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 9am to 6pm, Friday 9am to 5pm, and Saturday 10am to 1pm; and
- Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF: Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4:30pm

The closing date for comments is **5pm on Monday 25 April 2016**. We will also write to adjoining parish councils informing them of the application.

In addition to the steps we have taken to publicise the application, it would be helpful if you could display notices about the area designation application on any Parish Council public notice board. Please find enclosed copies of the public notices along with copies of your original application should you wish to display these at any Parish Council premises.

Yours faithfully

David English

Communities and Infrastructure Manager

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.

THE AREA IS ACTUALLY THE WEST BERKINGTON AREA
FOOTPRINT. THEREFORE IT IS THIS AREA WHICH
WE WILL CONSIDER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
ALONG WITH RESIDENTS.

(Please continue on separate sheet if necessary)

I can confirm that WEST BERKINGTON 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

(Chair of parish or town council)

Date:

7 March 2016

(Please find additional information overleaf).

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Northumberland County Council

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.

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:

David English
Communities and Infrastructure Manager
Northumberland County Council
County Hall
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 2EF

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

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