

# Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

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## Relevant Body:

Poringland Parish Council is a relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in our area in accordance with Section 61G of the 1990 Act and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations.

## Name of the Neighbourhood Area:

Poringland Neighbourhood Plan

## Extent of the Area:

See attached map (Plan area outlined in red). The Parish Boundaries form the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area.

## **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 to be appropriate:**

Poringland is a large village, retaining a rural character but enjoying many of the benefits and services associated with a small town. The parish of Poringland is immediately conjoined with the parish of Framingham Earl, and with smaller parts of Stoke Holy Cross and Caistor St Edmund. Poringland and the surrounding parishes benefit from a forum called the Six Strategic Group (SSG) which brings together representatives from the parishes to discuss common issues.

In 2013, and again in 2015 the SSG discussed the possibility of undertaking a joint Neighbourhood Plan for the wider area. On both of these occasions the parishes have carefully considered whether they wish to undertake a joint plan and have concluded that they had no appetite for this.

Poringland Parish Council has decided that they would like to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan, and due to the previous decisions of the adjoining parishes not to participate has felt that it would be in the best interest of residents of Poringland to press ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan based on the existing parish boundaries.

## **Intention of Neighbourhood Area:**

Poringland Parish Council intends to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Parish Council made this decision following research conducted with other parishes currently developing a Plan, and a scoping report being presented to the Parish Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The Parish Council intends to

immediately set up a Neighbourhood Planning Committee which will include co-opted members of the public. The opportunities to get involved will be widely advertised by writing to local groups, businesses and organisations, and by publicising on social media and notice boards. The Committee will be given Terms of Reference by the Council, which will set out which decisions are reserved for Council, but will largely make their own decisions and set out their own vision and strategy for the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. One of the first tasks it will undertake will be a public consultation asking what people would like to see in their Plan. It is intended that the Plan will be very much community driven, with ample opportunities for public engagement throughout the process.

**Additional Joint Parishes:**

None.

**Declaration:**

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

Name: Catherine Moore

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017