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30th November 2017

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Our Ref: 967/12/01/06

RE: Application to Designate a Neighbourhood Planning Area

Dear Mrs Bayfield,

Thank you for your application and supporting statement on behalf of Blakeney Parish Council to designate the parished area of Blakeney as an area to undertake neighbourhood planning. This was successfully validated on the 22.11.17.

We can advise that in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management procedure (Amended) Regulation 2016 through delegated authority of the Planning Portfolio holder in conjunction with the planning Policy Manager it is resolved to approve the designation of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area which covers the entire parish, as received with your statement on the 22.11.17.

The map showing the designated area, application form and supporting statement will be published on the council's web site:

<https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/>

Cllr Sue Arnold - Planning Portfolio Holder NNDC

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Nicola Baker – Head of Planning NNDC

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Information

The District Council, as the responsible body, will also publish at key stages other emerging neighbourhood plan documents of the Blakeney neighbourhood plan, however it remains the responsibility of the parish council to ensure the local community are kept up to date and informed with progress and we would recommend that a suitable page is created on the parish council's own web site.

We strongly encourage the parish council and or steering group to seek early and continued engagement from policy officers throughout the development of the neighbourhood plan. A number of specific local guidance notes and check sheets have been produced and will be added to in due course and are available at:

<https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/>

In addition the growing evidence base of the local plan is available in the document library <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/planning-policy/document-library/>

Officers may also be able to assist in helping identify suitable supporting evidence once the policy areas are known.

We would be happy to schedule a meeting with the parish council or neighbourhood plan steering group once formed to discuss the process, the level of support that is available from officers at the council, the proposed content/requirements, and the envisaged time line as well as provide an understanding of the emerging Local Plan. It is this plan that the neighbourhood plan will need to be in general conformity with, please see guidance note NPG2 on the above link. It may be that as the Local Plan progresses we can add supporting text to the emerging Local Plan in order to assist the parish in its land use aims. We can also share emerging evidence, provide appropriate contacts, advise on national policy and sources of grant funding, provide a limited amount of technical support and advise on the appropriate approaches and methodology. As the responsible body when the time comes and following a detailed screening request we will undertake the Strategic Environmental Assessment screening assessment of the emerging neighbourhood plan on your behalf.

We would strongly advise not to get too far down the process without first seeking our support/advice and we look forward to meeting members of the steering group in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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