

# North Claines Parish Council

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Andrew Ford  
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Dear Mr Ford

**Application for the Designation of a Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum  
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)  
Schedule 9 'Neighbourhood Planning', Localism Act 2011  
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (No. 687)**

In accordance with the above statutory provisions North Claines Parish Council submit this application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum to Wychavon District Council.

The application is made by North Claines Parish Council which is considered a relevant body under S61G (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to make an application for a Neighbourhood Area. The Parish Council resolved at its meeting on 3 September 2012 to progress with a neighbourhood development plan.

The Parish Council has set up a Neighbourhood Planning Committee (NPC) which is charged with managing the process for the production of the neighbourhood development plan. The Parish Council has also commissioned planning consultants to assist them with producing the neighbourhood development plan.

The NPC has carried out some initial consultation on the neighbourhood plan process with an event at the Fernhill Heath Memorial Hall on 7 November 2012. The NPC will use this event and subsequent events to help shape the vision objectives and policies within the neighbourhood development plan. It will also provide a channel for future engagement with local residents and businesses as the neighbourhood development plan progresses.

**Application for Designation as a Neighbourhood Forum**

Under Regulation 8 of the Neighbourhood (General) Regulations 2012 the following information is provided:

- (a) The name of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum is North Claines Parish Council.
- (b) A copy of the terms of reference of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee is attached at Appendix 1.

- (c) The name of the Neighbourhood Area is North Claines Parish and a map identifying the area is shown at Appendix 2.
- (d) The contact details for the Parish Council is:
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- (e) In accordance with S61G (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) a Parish Council is a 'relevant body' for the making of Neighbourhood Area. Furthermore, a Parish Council is a 'qualifying body' under S61E of the 1990 Act (as amended) to act as a Neighbourhood Forum.

### **Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area**

Under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood (General) Regulations 2012 the following information is provided:

- (a) The name of the Neighbourhood Area is North Claines Parish and a map identifying the area is shown at Appendix 2.
- (b) Statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate for designation as a Neighbourhood Area.

The Parish, in its current form, has been in existence since 1885 and has been an administrative unit within the locality since that time. The Parish is covered by the North Claines Parish Council in its entirety which works actively for and engages with the various communities within its boundaries. The Parish Council also works and co-operates with the neighbouring Parish Councils for the benefit of the wider community in this part of South Worcestershire.

The Parish covers an area of 1,232ha (3,403 acres). It is predominantly rural in character although it includes the relatively large settlement of Fernhill Heath. There are a number of smaller isolated hamlets such as Bevere, Lower Town, Hawford and Porter's Mill as well as farms and other properties within the Parish.

The northern boundary is defined by the River Salwarpe from its junction with the River Severn to Porters Mill. The northern boundary then runs south-east along Martin Brook to its eastern boundary. The eastern boundary runs from the A38 in the north along the line of the course of Roman Road adjacent to the parish of Hindlip to the A449 in the south. The southern boundary is defined by the municipal boundary of the City of Worcester which incorporates the A449 for a significant section and the suburb of Northwick within Worcester. The western boundary is aligned with the River Severn.

According to 2001 census there was a resident population of 3,109 persons and a total of 1,352 dwellings within the Parish. This information, along with other neighbourhood statistics, will be updated with the 2011 census data when available.

According to S61G(3)(a) the specified area must be one that consists of or includes the whole or any part of the area of a Parish Council. This application accords with this in requesting that the whole of the parish area is requested for designation as a Neighbourhood Area.

- (c) Under S61G a Parish Council is a relevant body that may make an application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area.

For the reasons outlined above the proposed Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area is considered to be appropriate and meet the requirements set out in the relevant legislation.

North Claines Parish Council therefore respectfully requests that Wychavon District Council processes this application in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above or enclosed please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Clare Shinner**

Clerk to North Claines Parish Council

**Jason Smith**

Chairman to North Claines Parish Council

**Sam Routledge**

Head of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee

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Appendix 1:

North Claines Parish Council Neighbourhood Planning Committee

Terms of Reference

Appendix 2:

North Claines Parish Map