SAHAM TONEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Mr. Mileham

Application under Part 2 (5) (1) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area.

Saham Toney Parish Council would like to give notice to Breckland Council that they wish to make an application under Part 2 (5) (1) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Saham Toney. Saham Toney Parish Council is the relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.

Saham Toney would like to establish it's boundaries a land mass of 1649HA along with a choice of preferred development sites. This should be in line with a village consultation dated July 2015, to accommodate design and importance of village needs appearance and historic values. All of these to be viable with research by the Parish Council. We have an understanding of registered brown field sites, however some of these development areas would far exceed the parish's contribution of 1% of Breckland's totals, therefore over development will not be encouraged or supported. We will try to identify new land where necessary and create a collective vision for any sustainable development. We have four sections of Saham Toney, two being mainly arable and agricultural. These would be omitted from any development because of isolation to maintain these for future food stocks and future generations to continue this life style.

A large consideration is rural roads. Only one accommodates safe pedestrian access to and from Watton's market town. So we must now consider starter homes for first time buyers and encourage families to take up residence and educate their children in this rural community, but consideration of the carbon effect should be taken into account regarding climate change for future generations.

We would like housing to be located where it will enhance and maintain the vitality of our rural community and should avoid new isolated homes in the countryside. If the latter were to take place this will only increase the carbon effect. We would look to minimise flood risks through designs of hard standings and existing drainage facilities.

The PC would encourage and promote business. This may become limited because of the already stated rural road systems.

Yours sincerely

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