

# ROCKLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

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Rocklands Parish Council  
9<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Mr Philip Mileham  
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PREVIOUSLY EMAILED  
TO SARAH ROBERTSON

Dear Mr. Mileham,

## Rocklands Parish Council

### Application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area

On behalf of the residents of Rockland All Saints and Rockland St. Peter, I am writing to inform you that Rocklands Parish Council is resolved to submit an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area with the eventual status of formulating a comprehensive Neighbourhood Plan. This will seek to define the settled wishes of our community with regards to the course of future development and improvements to local facilities within the Parish area designated by the attached plan area.

The Parish Council sees this as an important opportunity to gain consensus on the subject of sustainable development and to subsequently create an appropriate framework that will serve as a reference for local residents and potential developers alike.

It is anticipated that the development of a Neighbourhood Plan will address the following issues as they relate specifically to the Rocklands Parish area:

- To preserve the essential form and character of the twin settlement areas of Rockland All Saints and Rockland St. Peter and the immediately adjacent rural hinterland;
- To review and modify the existing village settlement boundaries with the intention of ensuring that future development proposals are consistent

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with identified community needs and aspirations and properly take into account those policies established under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Breckland Local Plan as considered appropriate to our particular Parish situation;

- To identify and develop policies that will continue to safeguard and additionally expand essential local facilities - the primary school, playing fields, community shop, village hall and Public House;
- To identify and improve critical infrastructure needs;
- To identify specific areas of currently underutilised land that might potentially be developed to provide additional community benefits such as allotments or nature refuges;
- To identify and develop policies that will encourage the development of additional small businesses within the Parish area consistent with other stated aims.

It is proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan area will follow the existing Rocklands Parish boundary and will thus encompass the whole of the Parish area as shown on the accompanying plan drawing. A committee of interested local residents has been established in the first instance to further research the subject matter and develop an initial consultation programme with your department.

I confirm that, for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act, Rocklands Parish Council constitutes an appropriate body representing the whole of the area applied for and that this application is made under Part 2 (5) (1) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr. David Howie (Chairman, Rocklands Parish Council)

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