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25th June 2015

Dear Mr Mileham,

Dereham Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Statement

Dereham Town Council has resolved to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. I am writing to apply for the the civil parish of Dereham to be designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area under regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Regulation 5 requires a relevant body submitting an area application to their local planning authority to include:

a) **A map which identifies the area to which the application relates.**

A map showing the Civil Parish of Dereham is attached to this letter, it identifies the area to which the application relates, which is the whole of the civil parish of Dereham.

b) **A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated.**

The area consists of the parish of Dereham. Consideration was given to including parts of the civil parish of Scarning, which in Planning terms is considered to be part of the Dereham settlement boundary. Representation was made to Scarning Parish Council to consider whether they would wish to include part of Scarning Parish within the Neighbourhood Plan area for Dereham. Scarning Parish Council declined to be part of the plan, the most appropriate area for the Plan would therefore be the whole of the civil parish of Dereham only.

- c) **A statement that the body making the application is a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of Town and County Planning Act 1990 Act.**

By reason of being a Town Council (a species of parish council), Dereham Town Council is a relevant body.

The Purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan for Dereham is to assist the parish of Dereham to develop in a sustainable way maintaining both a sense of place and quality of life by:

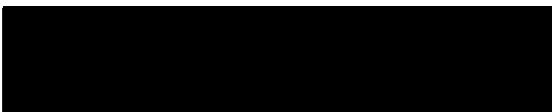
1. Balancing residential development and job creation
2. Working towards all parts of the Town having access to good quality open spaces and access to the wider footpath network
3. Supporting good cycle and walking routes around the Town and ensuring that traffic congestion does not adversely affect the quality of life for residents or the ability of business to function effectively.
4. Ensuring that provision of community facilities and services remains sufficient for the level of growth.

The Neighbourhood Plan could include the following:

1. Identification of the most sustainable location for future employment and housing development.
2. A review of the requirement and provision of community facilities and key services
3. Identification of areas where there is a shortfall of open space and preferred areas for additional open spaces.
4. Identification of locations where improvements to the transport infrastructure could be made to reduce the need for private car usage.
5. Preferred options for the development of the Town Centre
6. Proposals for further enhancement and improvement to Dereham's Green Infrastructure.

The Town Council looks forward to working with the Planning Policy Team in the near future.

Yours sincerely



Tony Needham

The Neighbourhood Plan area to cover all the civil parish of Dereham

CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AREA

