

# MATTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL



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Dear Mr Mileham

## **Mattishall Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Statement**

Mattishall Parish Council voted unanimously in favour of applying to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan at their meeting on 5 January 2015. Mattishall Parish Council being a duly elected council is an appropriate body under The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (2012) for the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan (as defined in Section 61G of 1990 Act).

We hereby notify Breckland Council that the Parish Council would like to submit a Neighbourhood Plan Area as the first step in this process.

The designated Plan Area is as shown on the attached map and is the area enclosed within the boundary of Mattishall Civil Parish.

The Plan area will cover the whole of the Civil Parish of Mattishall. This is in line with the Government's approach to planning, which aims to give local people more say about how their area is developed. This is particularly important for this Parish Council, which is under considerable development pressure primarily as a result of it being designated a Service Centre Village.

The plan will dovetail with Breckland's production of a new single 'local plan'.

The purpose of the plan is to maintain the sense of place and quality of life in the Parish by preserving the balance between future development landscape together with green open space and agricultural balance.

The Neighbourhood Plan will include the following issues:

- Affordable residential development in conjunction with local needs;
- To review requirement and provision of community facilities;
- To provide and maintain a sustainable Parish within the Plan area;
- To protect landscape and nature conservation;
- To improve transport infrastructure where necessary and reduce the need for private car use;
- Development of Employment and business use within the Parish in line with stated aims above;
- To maintain and develop the village school.

The Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group look forward to working with the Planning Policy Team.

Yours sincerely



Richard Norton  
Chairman of Mattishall Parish Council