

## NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Neighbourhood Plan Application Statement**

Dear Susan,

New Buckenham 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 61.G of 1990 Act). This letter is to notify Breckland Council that New Buckenham Parish Council wishes to develop a neighbourhood plan.

### Neighbourhood Plan Area

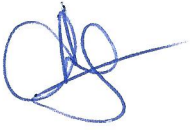
The plan's proposed area includes the whole of the civil parish of New Buckenham plus that part of New Buckenham's designated conservation area that extends into Old Buckenham (map attached). The reason for extending the boundary outside the parish is to encompass the whole conservation area, and also to include Buckenham Castle and immediate surroundings as these are inextricably linked to the history of the village. This proposal has the support of Old Buckenham Parish Council, please see item 16/107 of their minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (attached).

### Aims of Neighbourhood Plan

The aims of the plan, which will be fully compatible with Breckland Council's Local Plan, will depend on the village consultation due to take place in 2017. The aims are likely to include, in no particular order:

- Enhancement of the quality of life for current and future residents of all ages
- Enhancement of the sustainability of the village community through trade, communications, transport and community facilities
- Establishing guidelines for development in the village
- Safeguarding the heritage and amenity of the village, the castle and the common
- Safeguarding the natural environment

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs Julie King  
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