

Confirmation that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with the regulations	Yes
District	Babergh District Council
Parish	Newton
If adjacent LA/Parish was selected these details have been provided	
Name of neighbourhood area	
Name by which the neighbourhood area will formally be known	Newton Neighbourhood Plan
Extent of the area	
Intended extent of the area	Whole parish boundary area
Is assistance with an OS plan required	No
To satisfy Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 the following statement has been provided to explain why the area being proposed is considered appropriate:	
<p>Newton Parish Council resolved at its meeting of November 8th 2017 to begin the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. As part of the process the Parish Council agreed that it was appropriate that the designation area should be the whole area within the parish boundary. That decision was based on the core principle of inclusion and the need to preserve all that is best about our rural community. Using the existing boundary is logical as it is both understandable to villagers and will conform to the electoral base that will be consulted later for the Newton Parish referendum. Villagers were consulted about the proposed area at a village meeting held on the 20th January 2018, and attended by 40 villagers. There was also a subsequent opportunity to comment on the proposed boundary at a village coffee morning held on 3rd February 2018, and attended by 30 people. On both occasions the villagers supported the idea.</p>	
Intention of neighbourhood area	
The following is intended to be undertaken within the neighbourhood area	Neighbourhood Development Plan
Support provided for this choice:	

Newton Parish Council has been liaising with Babergh District Council and consulting villagers periodically since 2011 about the concept and benefits of community led plans. Two village consultation surveys were completed in 2012 and 2015 and the information helped to crystallise thinking. Newton Parish Council met with Sue Calver (Locality Officer - Babergh District Council) on the 16th June 2016 to discuss the principles and practicalities of neighbourhood planning. Subsequent to that discussion it was decided to hold a "raising awareness" meeting with villagers on 7th September 2016. The meeting was well attended and a range of issues were discussed including the 4 different community plan options. Newton Parish Council then met with Bill Newman (Babergh & Mid-Suffolk Corporate Manager) to learn more about the emerging "Local Plan" and the implications this could have for Newton as a "Hinterland Village". Newton Parish Council also consulted with Lee Parker (Babergh District Councillor) and James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor). As previously mentioned, the decision to move forward with a Neighbourhood Plan was approved at a Council meeting on 8th November 2017. In December 2017, all villagers received a personal invitation to attend a meeting on the 20th January 2018, to learn more about neighbourhood plans including very important issues of who has responsibility for writing the plan. 15 volunteers committed themselves to working with the local community to formulate and write a Neighbourhood Plan. On 22nd February 2018 the Newton Parish Operational Group comprising of 3 Parish Councillors and 12 villagers held its first meeting.

Adjoining parish clerk details (multi-parish areas)

Details of adjoining parish or parishes clerk details if provided

Declaration

I/we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and on the accompanying plan.

Name(s)

Adrian Beckham

Date

20/03/2018