

Application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area

Yarnfield & Cold Meece Parish Council

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Dear Mr Yendole,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, as amended
Application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area

I am writing to request a designation of a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

On Tuesday 9th March 2021 Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council resolved to apply for designation of the whole of the parish area as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing a Yarnfield and Cold Meece Neighbourhood Plan.

Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council considers that it is appropriate and desirable to designate the whole of the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area as this allows the Parish Council to consider the needs and requirements for the Parish as a whole.

Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council is a "relevant body" within the terms of Section 61 G (2)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Regulation 5A relates to the designation of the whole of the area of a parish council, and states that:

"5A.-(1) This regulation applies where-

- (a) a local planning authority receive an area application from a parish council;
- (b) the area specified in the application consists of the whole of the parish council's area; and

(c) if any part of the specified area is part of a neighbourhood area, none of that neighbourhood area extends outside the parish council's area.

(2) The local planning authority must exercise their powers under section 61G of the 1990 Act to designate the specified area as a neighbourhood area.

(3) Where this regulation applies, regulations 6 and 6A do not apply."

This makes clear that the local planning authority must exercise their powers under section 61G to designate the neighbourhood area. You will note that the publicity requirements for neighbourhood areas do not apply in this instance, and the designation is not discretionary. Please find enclosed a copy of the plan showing the boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area (the Parish boundary).

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the Parish Clerk.

Parish Clerk

Yarnfield & Cold Meece Parish Council

