

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION TO AMEND EXISTING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA COVERING PELTON, URPETH AND OUSTON AND DESIGNATION OF REVISED NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA COVERING PELTON PARISH (AND ALLOTMENTS AT GRANGE VILLA)

Introduction

1. A Neighbourhood Area for Pelton, Urpeth and Ouston (including allotments at Grange Villa) Parish Council areas was designated on 17th May 2023. The three parish councils commenced work on scoping issues and preparing draft work for consultation with communities in the three parish areas. However, through these discussions it became apparent that existing Green Belt within Urpeth and Ouston parishes affords these areas a degree of control over development. Urpeth Parish Council and Ouston Parish Council have subsequently decided that, taking into account the costs and time involved, there may be little benefit from pursuing neighbourhood planning and wish to be removed from the Neighbourhood Area.
2. Pelton Parish Council wishes to continue neighbourhood planning within their area. This will include the allotments at Grange Villa which lie in Edmondsley Parish and which are maintained and the responsibility of Pelton Parish Council.
3. This application has the support of Edmondsley Parish Council to include the allotment land within the Neighbourhood Area.

Mapping

4. A map of the existing and proposed Neighbourhood Areas is included at Appendix 1 and 2 respectively.

Supporting Statement

5. Pelton Parish Council believe a Neighbourhood Plan would materially benefit this area and its residents by guiding the future development of the area in a way that reflects the needs and aspirations of the community. The Grange Villa allotments lie in Edmondsley Parish however they are maintained and the responsibility of Pelton Parish Council, as the allotment tenants primarily live in the parish within the village of Grange Villa.

Relevant Body

6. Pelton Parish Council is a properly constituted body as required by section 61G of the Town and Country Planning 1990 Act. The 15 councillors are elected for a four-year term. Its financial accounts, agendas and minutes are available for public scrutiny. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group established on 28th June 2021 by Pelton Parish Council will continue to be convened to discuss the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

Formal Agreement

7. At its meeting on 22nd November 2023 Pelton Parish Council, “agreed without prejudice, an application for a defined Neighbourhood Area to cover the parish council, and the allotment land at Edmondsley parish”.
8. At its meeting on 21st November 2023 Urpeth Parish Council agreed to be removed from the previously proposed Neighbourhood Area.
9. At its meeting on 23rd November 2023 Ouston Parish Council, agreed to be removed from the previously proposed Neighbourhood Area.

Appendix 1 – Existing Designated Neighbourhood Area



Appendix 2 – Proposed amended Neighbourhood Area

