

Fremington Parish Council



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Dear Mr Townsend

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012: Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area: Fremington Parish

Under the relevant legislation as set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ["the regulations"], Fremington Parish Council, being a 'relevant body' as defined in Section 61(G) of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 ["the 1990 Act"], wish to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

As required by Regulation 5 of the Regulations, this Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood area is accompanied by the following:

- A map which identifies the area to which the area application relates;
- A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area; and
- A statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61(G) of the 1990 Act.

The Neighbourhood Area, as identified on the enclosed map, is the whole of the Parish of Fremington as outlined in red.

The Parish Council considers the defined area to be appropriate for designation for the following reasons:

- 1. The area includes the entire area in the administrative jurisdiction of Fremington Parish which serves the communities of Fremington, Yelland, Bickleton, Bickington, Roundswell and Woodville.
- 2. The proposed area includes the entire Parish of Fremington and therefore boundaries are already identified.

- 3. The area has been the subject of previous community-led planning exercises in the form of the Fremington Parish Plan dated August 2005.
- 4. The parish as a whole is set to accommodate considerable levels of development during the period of the emerging North Devon & Torridge Local Plan. It is important that this development is delivered in a way that respects all the different settlements within the parish and the undeveloped areas that prevent their merging, with the attendant loss of individual identity this would entail. This necessitates the whole parish being covered by the designated area.
- 5. The Parish Council will work with the North Devon Council and its residents from all parts of the parish to form the plan.

For the purposes of section 61(G) of the 1990 Act this letter is our statement.

Kind Regards

Mrs Victoria Woodhouse Clerk to Fremington Parish Council

