APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM STATUS

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

We have put together this guidance note to help you fill the application form, which allows you to ask the council to designate your organisation as a Neighbourhood Forum, for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning in your area. Neighbourhood Forums are for those areas which are not covered by a town or parish council. This means that a local group or community organisation could put themselves forward to lead the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan in their area.

To be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum, your group/organisation must meet certain criteria. These include:

- The group/organisation is established for the express purpose of furthering the social, economic and environmental well-being of individuals living, or wanting to live, in an area that consist of or includes the neighbourhood area concerned;
- The membership of the group/organisation is open to people living or working in or elected to represent the area concerned;
- There are at least 21 members of the group/organisation and they live or work in or represent the area concerned; and
- The group/organisation has a written constitution.

There can only be one neighbourhood forum per neighbourhood area. The designation of a group/organisation as a neighbourhood forum cannot subsequently be withdrawn by the local planning authority. The designation lasts for five years.

1. Neighbourhood Forum Contact

Please give the details of the main contact person for the proposed Neighbourhood Forum.

2. Additional Contact Details

Please give the contact details of any other members of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum that you wish to be contacted.

3. Relevant body

Section 8 of the Regulations and section 61F of the 1990 Act set out the criteria that community groups or organisations must meet to be designated as the Neighbourhood Forum for neighbourhood planning in their area. Please tick appropriate box and provide a statement outlining why you consider that your group/organisation meets the criteria to be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum (see above).
DETERMINATION OF APPLICATIONS

In making decisions on applications for neighbourhood forum status, we will look closely at whether or not the proposal meets the criteria set out above. Your application will be published on the council’s website www.northlincs.gov.uk as being publicised locally to allow comments to be made on it. The consultation period will last for six weeks. At this point other groups or organisations may come forward with alternative proposals for the council to consider. All comments and alternative proposals will be considered in a timely manner and the council’s decision and reasons for it will be issued to the neighbourhood forum and published on the council website.