

**PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**  
**Boundary and Neighbourhood Forum Submission**

## **1.0 Background to Neighbourhood Planning**

Neighbourhood Planning is central to the Coalition Government's Localism Act 2011; an opportunity that the Park community would like to take full advantage of in order to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for their area. It is intended that the 10 year land use and development framework will become part of the formal planning process and will be in general conformity with national planning policy and the Local Authority's Development Plan (currently the Hartlepool Local Plan 2006, which will be superseded by the Hartlepool Local Plan 2013 post anticipated adoption in late 2013).

The community of the proposed Park Neighbourhood Plan area have had aspirations to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for some time, and believe it will provide them with an opportunity to influence how their neighbourhood is developed in the future. Areas of particular interest to the local community include conservation and design, potential development opportunities in the area, traffic management, transport and road infrastructure, and public services.

## **2.0 Proposed Park Neighbourhood Plan Boundary (see attached Appendix 1)**

The proposed Park Neighbourhood Boundary broadly includes the area south of Hart Lane, north of Summerhill Lane, east of the Rural Plan boundary and west of Granville Avenue. The boundary comprises the urban area of the Rural West ward (former Park ward) and a proportion of the Victoria ward in order to include the entirety of the conservation area (a theme that it is anticipated the Plan will seek to emphasise, address and promote). The boundary also includes the addition of properties, golf and tennis clubs to the north which is viewed as part of the natural Park community, and extends west to run co-terminously with the Hartlepool Rural Plan boundary for 'completeness' in neighbourhood planning terms.

## **3.0 Park Neighbourhood Planning Forum**

The Park Neighbourhood Planning Forum was established in August 2013 and represents the communities living within the proposed Park Neighbourhood Plan area. In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations - General adopted on 6 April 2012 and best practice guidance published by Locality in 2013, the membership of the Forum is as follows:

- A minimum of 21 members: the Forum currently has 25 members.
- A minimum of 1 Ward Councillor: the Forum currently has two Ward Councillors as part of their membership.
- A minimum of 1 person who lives in the area: all members of the Forum are residents in the proposed Park Neighbourhood Plan boundary.
- A minimum of 1 person who works in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan area: a number of members are currently working in the area.

All members are committed to the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Park area with a large proportion of members having been involved (and continue to be involved) in Park Residents' Association. This Association has been established for several years and has an in depth understanding of the community and the issues that affect the local area. The Residents Association have been active in the planning process in Hartlepool to date, and members have a good understanding of how the planning system in Hartlepool operates.

The Park Neighbourhood Planning Forum became a formally constituted group in August 2013 (see attached Appendix 2 and 3), and strong working links have been made with Officers within Hartlepool Borough Council's Neighbourhood Management

and Planning Policy Teams to assist with the development of the Plan. The Forum is therefore in accordance with section 61F (5) of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act as a relevant body to take the development of the Neighbourhood Plan forward (as outlined under Parts 2 and 3 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations – General).

#### **4.0 Contact Details for Park Neighbourhood Planning Forum**

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