

Mr Matthew Bills
Neighbourhood Planning Officer
The Symington Building,
Adam and Eve Street,
Market Harborough LE16 7AG

16th September 2016

Dear Mr Bills,

Re: Neighbourhood Planning. Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area.
Combined Parishes of Cold Newton, Lowesby, Marefield, Tilton on the Hill, Halstead Parishes.

I am attaching an application that was agreed at a meeting on September 13th at 7.30 pm, at the Tilton on the Hill, village hall. This is appropriately signed by representatives of the parishes concerned.

The meeting unanimously agreed that the designated area should be referred to as "HIGH LEICESTERSHIRE". Please refer to this name when the appropriate notice is inserted into the local newspapers, so that the Public are aware of the name and which parishes are represented

Yours sincerely,

John G Williams

(Secretary of High Leicestershire Neighbourhood Planning Committee)

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Please reply to:

The Secretary, High Leicestershire Neighbourhood Planning Committee.

Dr John G Williams. BSc.,PhD.,CChem.,MRSC.

COLD NEWTON, LOWESBY, MAREFIELD AND TILTON ON THE HILL & HALSTEAD PARISHES APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Cold Newton, Lowesby and Marefield Parish Meetings and Tilton on the Hill & Halstead Parish Council hereby apply for the designation of the area identified (edged red) in the attached map as a Neighbourhood Area in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/637).

Why this area is appropriate for designation as a Neighbourhood Area:

Tilton and Halstead Parish Council first consulted residents of the parish about producing a neighbourhood plan at a public meeting on the evening of 21st January 2016. The meeting was publicised in advance by notices in the parish magazine, on the parish notice-board and on the village hall notice-board.

Following a presentation from HDC's Neighbourhood Planning Champion and full discussion of the implications of such a plan, a public vote was taken (by show of hands) on whether to proceed; Of those who attended the meeting just over 90% were in favour with 8% undecided and 1.4% opposed.

In deciding upon the neighbourhood area for which this application is made Tilton on the Hill Parish Council consulted with each of seven immediately adjoining parishes to ascertain the level of interest in pooling resources to produce a neighbourhood plan.

Of the seven parishes approached, the Parish Meetings of Cold Newton, Lowesby and Marefield expressed a wish to produce a neighbourhood plan in conjunction with Tilton on the Hill and Halstead Parish.

Tilton on the Hill & Halstead Parish is identified in Harborough District Council's adopted Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2015 (SHLAA) as a 'selected rural village' which, as such, is deemed suitable for additional housing although on a lesser scale than the 'Rural Centres' of Billesdon, Fleckney, Husbands Bosworth and Ullesthorpe, according to the SHLAA development in Tilton on the Hill and Halstead Parish should reflect the size, character and service provision available in the parish.

The parishes of Cold Newton, Lowesby and Marefield are not specifically mentioned in the SHLAA but may nevertheless be deemed suitable to receive limited small scale infill development.

The specified parishes are clearly areas where sustainability of any future development is important, and the parish council, parish meetings and the community wish to influence any development so as to ensure it will be properly situated, integrated and supported within those local communities.

The parish council and parish meetings together representing the proposed neighbourhood area (the Parishes) do not seek to extend beyond the parish boundaries, but will be cognisant of any developments in surrounding areas.

The Parishes see no specific reason why the proposed neighbourhood area cannot be designated in its entirety as it contains the local characteristics of a predominantly rural area with outlying hamlets and village centre and because it is intended that the neighbourhood plan will set out policies relating to development and use of land in the whole or any part of a the neighbourhood area

specified in the plan. The boundary of The Parishes is deemed the most sensible option for this particular locality.

Statement by the Relevant Body:

Cold Newton, Lowesby and Marefield Parish Meetings and Tilton on the Hill & Halstead Parish Council have agreed that, for the purposes of this application Tilton on the Hill & Halstead Parish Council will be the relevant body as described in SECTION 61g(2) OF THE 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.

We hereby apply to designate a Neighbourhood Area as described herein and illustrated on the accompanying map.

Signed:

Chairman, Cold Newton and Lowesby Parish Meeting

Date:

Michael Rook, Chairman of Marefield Parish Meeting

Elizabeth Auterson; Chairman, Tilton on the Hill and Halstead Parish Council

Date: ,

