Marton West – Neighbourhood Planning Area and Forum Applications
Consultation and Determination Statement

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Consultation and Determination Statement:

In respect of consultation undertaken by the Council following receipt of two applications from the Marton West Community Council requesting Neighbourhood Area and Forum status.

Introduction

1. This document provides a record of the consultation undertaken by the Council in respect of two applications received from the Marton West Community Council (i) to have the Marton West Ward designated as a Neighbourhood Area and (ii) to set-up a Neighbourhood Forum (see below, Appendix 1). This document also outlines how the Council has determined the applications, and how it reached its decision on whether to approve or refuse the applications.

2. There are four stages in determining Neighbourhood Area and Forum Applications, these stages are set-out in detail in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, and are as follows:

Stage 1 – Receipt

This initial stage does not involve an assessment of the information included within the application, but merely to ascertain that the requisite information is present within the application and whether or not there is an existing Neighbourhood Area and/or Forum for the area. If there is already an existing Neighbourhood Area or Forum for the area and that designation has not expired or been withdrawn, the Council may decline to consider the application/s (Regulation 11).

Stage 2 – Publicity

As soon as possible after receiving an application, and if not declined to consider under Regulation 11, the Council will publish details on its website and in such other manner as considered likely to bring the application to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the area (for a six-week period) to which the application relates, along with details on how to make representations.

Stage 3 – Consideration and determination of applications for designation

In reaching a decision regarding the designation of a Neighbourhood Area and/or Forum, the Council will prepare reasons for its decision. If the decision is not to designate, these reasons need to be published as part of the refusal notice referred to below. It is considered good practice for any decision to be recorded in writing along with reasons, regardless of whether the decision is to grant designation or to refuse it.

Stage 4 – Publicising a designation of a Neighbourhood Area or Forum

If approved, as soon as possible after designating a Neighbourhood Area and/or Forum, the Council will publish (in the same manner as Stage 2) the following:
a) the name of the Neighbourhood Area and/or Forum;

b) a copy of the written constitution of the Neighbourhood Forum;

c) the name of the Neighbourhood Area or Forum to which the designation relates; and,

d) contact details for at least one member of the Neighbourhood Area or Forum.

If refused, as soon as possible after deciding to refuse to designate a Neighbourhood Area or Forum, the Council will publish (in the same manner as Stage 2) the following:

a) a statement setting out the decision and their reasons for making that decision (“the refusal statement”); and,

b) details of where and when the refusal statement may be inspected.

There is no time period currently specified for the determination of applications for designation as a Neighbourhood Area or Forum, other than the requirement for a six-week period relating to Stage 2 – Publicity set out above.

How the consultation was undertaken

3. Following minor amendments by the applicants, the submitted documentation accorded with the above 2012 Regulations, a six-week period of consultation was undertaken, as outlined in Stage 2 of the process (see above). The consultation period ran from 1st February to 14th March 2013.

4. As part of the six-week consultation period, the following methods of engagement were utilised:

i. the documentation was made available for inspection at the Civic Centre reception area, and at Coulby Newham and Marton branch libraries;

ii. the details of the applications were placed on the Council’s website, along with how representations can be made;

iii. a public notice (see below, Appendix 3) was placed in the local newspaper, detailing how representations can be made; and,

iv. posters (see below, Appendix 4) with detailing the applications were attached to lamp-posts in prominent locations within the designated area.

5. Additionally, officers have attended resident neighbourhood meetings, chaired by the two Ward Councillors, to outline the consultation process and procedural issues.

Responses received

6. At the end of the six-week public consultation period the Council had received nine individual responses and two petitions containing a total of 26 resident names in support of the applications. No responses have been received objecting to the applications.
7. Whilst the number of received responses maybe lower than anticipated, the consultation has shown that there is resident support for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area and the setting-up of a Neighbourhood Forum within Marton West Ward.

**Consideration and determination of applications**

8. Following completion of Stage 2 of the process, the applications under Stage 3 (see above) needed to be considered and determined for approval or refusal. The determination process involved assessing the submitted documentation, whether aspects of the applications needed to be amended, particularly if there were clear planning reasons to do so and analysis of the representations received.

9. Consideration was also given as to whether the applicants had clearly defined the special characteristics, (both physical and non-physical) of what makes their area a neighbourhood. Particular attention was given to the applicants' aims and objectives for the Neighbourhood Area, to ensure they were compatible with the Council's own strategic approach and outlined the continuing promotion or improvement of the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area.

10. In this case the assessment of the applications found that:

   i. the applicants had submitted the requisite information;
   ii. there were no existing Neighbourhood Areas or Forums within the area, which have not expired or been withdrawn;
   iii. membership of the Forum reflects the character of the area, and is drawn from different sections of the community; and,
   iv. no objections have been submitted to the Council as part of the consultation process.

11. The assessment also determined that the aims and objectives of the prospective Forum were compatible with the Council's own overall strategic approach and they continued to promote or seek improvement of the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area.

12. Whilst the applicants had only provided limited information on the special characteristics of their neighbourhood area, and why they considered the extent of the prospective Neighbourhood Area appropriate for designation, (see above) it was still possible to assess the applications against the above criteria. As a result, it is considered that the applications meet the relevant criteria, and as such should be approved.

**Possible Ward boundary changes**

13. The Boundary Commission is currently carrying out an electoral review of Middlesbrough Council to deliver electoral equality for voters in local elections. This review began on 26 June 2012, and aims to ensure that each councillor represents roughly the same number of voters and that Ward boundaries reflect the interests and identities of local communities. It is anticipated that the Commission will make its final decision on these Ward changes later this year.
14. As a consequence of this review there is a possibility that it will have some implications on the extent of Marton West Ward. Any eventual changes to the Ward boundary by the Commission would however, not affect the extent of the designated Neighbourhood Area boundary.

Next steps following the designation of the Neighbourhood Area and the Forum

15. The Council’s Executive approved the designation of the Marton West Ward as a Neighbourhood Area and the setting-up of the Marton West Neighbourhood Plan Forum on 18 June 2013. In accordance with Stage 4 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the Council will publicise the designation of the Neighbour Area and Forum for a six-week period by employing the same methods of consultation outlined above in paragraph 4(i-iv).

16. Notification of the determination will also be placed on the Council’s website, (within the Neighbourhood Planning section) and in the local newspaper. The notification will outline the designation of the Neighbourhood Area and Forum and how to access the submitted documentation.

Designated Neighbourhood Area and Forum contact details

17. Relevant designated Neighbourhood Area and Forum details:

   i) The name of the designated Neighbourhood Area will be known as – Marton West Neighbourhood Area.

   ii) The name of the Neighbourhood Forum will be known as – Marton West Neighbourhood Plan Forum.

   iii) See Appendix 2 for a copy of the written constitution.

   iv) Further details on the Forum can be obtained by contacting:

       Cllr. Chris Hobson,
       16 Buxton Avenue,
       Marton,
       Middlesbrough,
       TS7 8LP.

       Tel: 01642 313154
       Email: chris_hobson@middlesbrough.gov.uk

18. It should be noted that where a Neighbourhood Forum has been designated the Council may decline to consider subsequent applications for neighbourhood forum designation where one has already been designated. The Council can also withdraw a Neighbourhood Forum designation where it is requested by that Forum, or where the local authority considers the Forum is no longer meeting conditions of approval.
19. Additionally, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 the Neighbourhood Forum designation expires after five years from the date of approval.
APPENDIX 1

COPIES OF MARTON WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL’S NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA AND FORUM APPLICATION FORMS, INCLUDING A MAP SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA AND FORUM BOUNDARY
Neighbourhood Area and Forum – Application Forms

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<td>Tel. No.</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Chris.hobson@middlesbrough.co.uk">Chris.hobson@middlesbrough.co.uk</a></td>
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3. Relevant body:
Please confirm that you are or are capable of being the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act and Section 5C of the 2012 Regulations

Yes ☑ No ☐

Name of relevant body:
Neighbourhood Forum

4. Name of Neighbourhood Area:
Please give a name, by which your neighbourhood area will be formally known.

Marton West

5. Extent of the area:
Please indicate below and attach an OS plan showing the intended extent of the area.

Whole of a recognised boundary area ☑
Part of a recognised boundary area ☐
Joint recognised boundary area ☐

Please describe below why you consider the extent of the neighbourhood area is appropriate.

Marton West is a community bounded by Stokesley Road, Brass Castle Lane, Marton West Beck, and the A174. We have an excellent community within these boundaries and residents work together in a number of ways.

Each year we enter the Northumbria in Bloom Competition and the whole of the ward participates. We do not have small committees we just work it as a whole ward and have won a Silver Award for our area for many years. We also manage to get various Awards throughout the area i.e. Fairy Dell, Normanby Court, Seamhead, Grange Crescent, Middlesbrough Golf Club and Eagle Park. So you can see we get recognition across the whole of the ward. The pub, The Garage, The School and the shops at Woodrow Avenue also join in.

We have volunteers from across the ward who come out to help the Police with Community Speedwatch to help to make our area a safe place to be.

We have an excellent and well run Community Council
6. Intention of neighbourhood area:
Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area.

- Neighbourhood Development Plan: ☑
- Neighbourhood Development Order: ☐
- Community Right to Build Order: ☐

7. Additional joint area details:
If you are applying with an adjoining area please give the principal contact details and relevant body details.


8. Declaration:
I/we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and the accompanying plan.

In the case of joint area applications, principal contact names from each area will be required.

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Please send your application to:
Planning Policy,
Planning Services,
Civic Centre,
Middlesbrough Council,
P.O. Box 504,
Middlesbrough,
TS1 9FY.

Telephone: 01642 729065
Email: planningpolicy@middlesbrough.gov.uk
Website: www.middlesbrough.gov.uk
Middlesbrough

Application for Neighbourhood Forum Status

1. What is the name of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum?

   MARTON WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM.

2. What is the name of the proposed Neighbourhood Area to which the application relates?

   MARTON WEST

3. Contact Details (this will be made publicly available)

   Name: CHRIS HOBSON
   Address: 16 BIXTON AVENUE, MARTON TS7 8LP
   Email: chris.hobson@middlebrough.gov.uk
   Telephone:

4. Who are the proposed members and what is their interest? (please note a minimum of 21 members is required)

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5. Please provide a map (OS based at an appropriate scale) which clearly identifies the proposed Neighbourhood Area.

6. As part of the application, please include the following information;

- A copy of the written constitution of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum.

- A statement which explains how the proposed Neighbourhood Forum meets the conditions contained in Section 61F(5), Schedule 9 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- If your neighbourhood area covers land outside of Middlesbrough, please provide a map that indicates the relevant area(s) and details of the relevant representative(s) that you have contacted.

- If available, a financial balance sheet for the last financial year for the Neighbourhood Forum.

- A brief statement setting out the main intention for establishing the Neighbourhood Forum, for example Neighbourhood Development Plan.

For further information, please contact:

Planning Policy,
Regeneration,
Civic Centre,
Middlesbrough Council,
P.O. Box 504,
Middlesbrough,
TS1 9FY.

Telephone: 01642 729062 or 729065

Email: planningpolicy@middlesbrough.gov.uk

Website: www.middlesbrough.gov.uk
APPROVED MARTON WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA & FORUM – EXTENT OF BOUNDARY.
APPENDIX 2

COPY OF THE MARTON WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FORUM CONSTITUTION
Marton West Neighbourhood Plan Forum Constitution

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Middlesbrough Council is the Local Planning Authority for the area of Marton West. The Marton West Community Council established the “Marton West Neighbourhood Plan Forum” on 3rd May 2012, for the purpose of constructing a Neighbourhood Plan for the area of Marton West.

Aim:

The primary aim of the Marton West Community Council is to consult the local community and to make known to the local authority and other public bodies the views of local people on all matters affecting them. Part of the Council’s role is to bring together local people to add value and achieve a better quality of life for the local community. In establishing a Neighbourhood Forum to facilitate the exercise of constructing a Neighbourhood Plan, it is hoped that this will be an appropriate vehicle for the delivery of these values and aims.

Objectives:

• To promote the economic, social, health and environmental well being of the Community within Marton West.

• To provide an opportunity for local people to influence local decision making.

• To encourage openness and transparency amongst statutory agencies and provide an opportunity for local people to influence the priorities and services of these agencies.

• To improve community leadership for the benefit of the whole area.

• To improve democratic participation by local people.

• To develop area plans to benefit the local community and Marton West as a whole.

The express purpose of the Marton West Neighbourhood Plan Forum will be to produce a Neighbourhood Plan to further the social, economic and environmental well being of individuals living, or wanting to live, in the area of Marton West as shown on the attached plan (or as amended by agreement with the local authority).

1.2 The Localism Act encourages local communities to set up a Neighbourhood Forum to lead the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. It has been discussed with Middlesbrough Borough Council that Marton West will produce a Neighbourhood Plan.
Once agreed, the Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the Development Plan for Middlesbrough and will be a key factor in making development decisions.

2.0 Forum name and the neighbourhood area

2.1 The name of the Forum shall be “Marton West Neighbourhood Plan Forum” Herein after referred to as “the Forum”.

3.0 Location of meetings and frequency

3.1 The place of meeting for the Forum (or a working Group) will be decided by the Chairperson or any leaders of any Working Groups associated with the Forum.

3.2 The Forum will normally meet monthly, or at such frequency necessary to ensure preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan is progressed in accordance with the approved Project Plan.

4.0 Forum membership

4.1 Membership of the Forum is open to individuals:-

(a) who live in the Neighbourhood Area.

(b) who work in the Neighbourhood Area.

(c) who are Marton West Councillors in the Neighbourhood Area.

(d) who own property in the Neighbourhood Area.

(e) who are retailers in the Neighbourhood Area.

(f) who represent local organisations operating in the Neighbourhood Area.

4.2 Membership is voluntary.

4.3 The number of members shall be not less than 21.

4.4 A quorum for a Forum Meeting shall be 7.

4.5 New members may join by applying either verbally or in writing (including by email) to the Marton West Community Council.

4.6 The decision on acceptance of individual membership applications is the responsibility of the Forum. Refusal to accept an application for membership must be given to the applicant by the Chairperson, or the Vice Chairperson, including the reason for refusal.

4.7 The Forum will lead preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, and monitor implementation after adoption.
4.8 The elected Council representatives will ensure that the views of the Forum are taken into account when the Neighbourhood Plan is considered by the Council.

4.9 Middlesbrough Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority will ensure that the work of the Forum in relation to all mapping information falls within the scope of the License held by the Council from the Ordnance Survey.

4.10 For the avoidance of doubt, no person who qualifies under paragraph 4.1 above shall be excluded or refused membership from the Forum.

4.11 Every member shall have one vote at general meetings.

5.0 Forum Management

5.1 The officers of the Management Committee shall be:

   The Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The officers of the Management Committee will be elected at the Forum Annual General Meeting.

5.2 The Chairperson will:

   • be the chief presiding officer and Chairperson for the Forum and meetings with a casting vote, in tied votes only.
   • lead the Forum in all communication and business with external organisations and individuals, being its spokesperson.
   • have the power to take decisions on urgent matters between meetings of the Forum.
   • provide leadership and motivation.
   • enforce the Constitution and ensure meetings are conducted efficiently, fairly and harmoniously.

5.3 The Vice Chairperson will:

   • be the Chairperson’s alternate in their absence, with all the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson during the Chairperson’s absence.
   • be from another area of the neighbourhood than that of the Chairperson.

5.4 The Secretary will:

   • organise meetings, prepare and issue agendas, notes and reports for the Forum meetings and be responsible for all correspondence.
   • issue minutes and after the Chairperson’s approval circulate.
• notify membership details to the Council’s Community Partnerships Office.

• report to the Forum on all related administrative matters in conjunction with the officers of the Council.

5.5 The Treasurer will:

• maintain and report on the financial accounts and insurance requirements of the Forum in conjunction with the Council’s Community Partnership office.

• report to each meeting of the Forum the finance held by, or on behalf of, the Forum and funds uncommitted and available for use by the Forum.

6.0 Composition and meetings of the Forum Representatives

6.1 It may be necessary to establish sub-committees as required. The members of these groups will be members of the Forum, of the properly constituted residents groups (including schools and churches) and business groups in the area.

6.2 Meetings of any sub-committee may also be attended by members of the Forum and any other properly constituted sub groups.

7.0 Affiliations, operations and independence:

7.1 The Forum is a collaborative working arrangement of Marton West Community Council and shall not be affiliated to any political party or organisation.

7.2 All members of the Forum shall act in meetings of the Forum and any Representative Group(s) in the best interests of the Forum and the community of the area and shall follow the good governance guidelines set out in the attached guidance (or any updating thereof) http://www.goodgovernancecode.org.uk/.

7.3 The Forum shall act in accordance with best practice in the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans and in accordance with Government guidance for such preparation and shall seek to work collaboratively with the Local Planning Authority to achieve this.

7.4 The Forum is to make the Neighbourhood Plan in the first place and may comment on planning applications or proposals that could reasonably be expected to impact upon the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan either before or after it is produced. Where such comments are made, they shall be submitted to the Council following approval by the Chairperson of the Forum.

8.0 Confidentiality

8.1 It is understood, and agreed to, that the disclosure of confidential information may provide certain information that is, and must be kept,
To ensure the protection of such information, and to preserve any confidentiality necessary under patent and/or trade secret laws, it is agreed that:

(i) The Recipient shall limit disclosure of confidential information to members of the Forum having a need to know. Forum members will not disclose the confidential information obtained from the discloser unless required to do so by law.

(ii) This Agreement imposes no obligation upon the Recipient with respect to any Confidential Information (a) that was in the Recipient’s possession before receipt from the Discloser; (b) is or becomes a matter of public knowledge through no fault of the Recipient; (c) is rightfully received by the Recipient from a third party not owing a duty of confidentiality to the Discloser; (d) is disclosed without a duty of confidentiality to a third party by, or with the authorisation of, the Discloser, or (e) is independently derived by the Recipient.

9.0 Conflict resolution within the Forum

9.1 At all times, the Forum will recognise the primary need to encourage community involvement in, and support for, the Neighbourhood Plan. The Forum will always give primacy to the new Local Plan prepared by the Council.

9.2 If it proves not possible for the Forum to reach agreement during any stage of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan, every effort shall be made by the membership of the Forum to resolve the difference by negotiation. Where this does not resolve the situation, the Forum will ensure that the alternative view is included in the relevant stage of community engagement, and the Forum will adopt the position of the majority response from the community arising from that stage.

10.0 Constitution Amendments

10.1 This Constitution shall become effective upon approval by the Interim Forum.

10.2 Hereinafter, this Constitution may be amended at a meeting of the Forum by a two thirds majority vote of those members present. Proposed amendments must be submitted with a seconder in writing at least twenty-one days before the meeting. Any proposed amendments by the Forum must be notified to Middlesbrough Borough Council for approval.

11.0 Declaration

11.1 Marton West Neighbourhood Plan Forum hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.
APPENDIX 3

COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE
(Appeared in the Evening Gazette - 01.02.13)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF AN APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA AND FORUM WITHIN MARTON WEST WARD

The Localism Act 2011 and Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Middlesbrough Council is in receipt of two applications from the Marton West Community Council to (i) establish a Neighbourhood Area and (ii) set-up a Neighbourhood Forum within Marton West Ward. These applications include membership and contact details, a constitution, and two OS based maps showing the extent of both the proposed neighbourhood and forum areas. The Council is now seeking views in respect of these applications from local residents and businesses within Marton West Ward.

Further details of these applications can found on the Council's website at www.middlesbrough.gov.uk from Friday 1 February 2013, or can be viewed at the Council's Marton and Rainbow Libraries, and the Civic Centre. Representations in respect of these applications can be made via email to planningpolicy@middlesbrough.gov.uk or in writing to: Planning Policy, Planning Services, PO BOX 504, Ground Floor, Civic Centre, Middlesbrough, TS1 9FY.

All representations are required to be with the Council before 5.00pm on Thursday 14 March 2013. Further information can be obtained from Charlton Gibben at the above address, or by telephoning (01642) 729065.
APPENDIX 4

COPY OF THE POSTER ATTACHED TO LAMPPPOSTS AND DISPLAYED AT PROMINENT LOCATIONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF AN APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA AND FORUM WITHIN MARTON WEST WARD

The Localism Act 2011 and Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, local authorities are now able to designate Neighbourhood Areas and Forums. Neighbourhood Areas and Forums are where local community groups can apply to the Council to have their local neighbourhood designated a Neighbourhood Area, and set-up a Forum, in order to establish a vision and general planning policies for the development and use of land within their designated neighbourhood.

Middlesbrough Council is now in receipt of two applications from the Marton West Community Council to (i) establish a Neighbourhood Area and (ii) set-up the Marton West Neighbourhood Plan Forum within the Marton West Council Ward boundaries. As part of the application process, the prospective Forum members have submitted the relevant application forms, a statement outlining their aims and objectives, a constitution, and two OS based maps showing the extent of the proposed neighbourhood and forum area. The Council is now seeking views in respect of these applications, from local residents and businesses within Marton West Ward.

Further details on these applications can be found on the Council’s website at www.middlesbrough.gov.uk, from Friday 1 February 2013, or can be viewed at the following locations:

- Marton Library,
- The Willows,
- Marton,
- Middlesbrough,
- TS7 8BL.

- Rainbow Library,
- Rainbow Leisure Centre,
- Coulby Newham,
- Middlesbrough,
- TS8 0TJ.

- Civic Centre,
- Reception Area,
- The Boulevard,
- Middlesbrough,
- TS1 9FY.

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Planning Services,
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Ground Floor, Civic Centre,
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All representations are required to be with the Council before 5.00pm on Thursday 14 March 2013. Further information can be obtained from Charlton Gibben at the above address, or by telephoning (01642) 729065.
The Regeneration Department covers a range of different services of which Planning Policy is one. The Department’s service aims and objectives, along with its diversity and community cohesion commitments are contained in its Service and Diversity Action Plans.