



## STATEMENT

NNDC's application form for a Neighbourhood Plan requires a statement that explains why the area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. As part of this it is helpful to expand on the intended policy areas that the parish is seeking to address.

The parish of Hoveton forms an ideal basis for a Neighbourhood Plan. At the Council's meeting on February 5th 2024 (minute book page 2023043) it was agreed to pursue a neighbourhood plan. The Council has approached the Broads Authority and has received a letter of initial support. As a parish covered by two authorities, we will progress this plan with both NNDC and the BA.

The key reasons why a parish should be considered a designated area for a Neighbourhood Plan, the council believe are as follows: -

- 1. Established Community.** Hoveton as an established community. Its history can be traced back to the Domesday Book. Hoveton has its own sense of identity but shares a close history with its surrounding villages. The parish of Hoveton has all essential components for developing a Neighbourhood Plan to reflect its unique character and the needs of its area. Hoveton Community Council believe a strong community can more effectively collaborate on a shared vision for its future.
- 2. Administrative Boundaries.** Hoveton is subject to two different administrative boundaries that have been established for local governance. Hoveton's Neighbourhood Plan will bring the policies of both authorities into alignment to simplify the process of planning and decision-making for Hoveton.
- 3. Local Knowledge.** Residents, businesses, and stakeholders living and/or working in Hoveton are likely to have deep local knowledge regarding the intricacies and special characteristics of their area. Hoveton Community Council seeks to harness this knowledge and believe it is vital for informing the Neighbourhood Plan with details that the parish council and outside planners may overlook.
- 4. Democratic Representation & Community Engagement.** Hoveton Community Council have an elected parish council responsible for representing the interests of the local community. However, we believe that in involving residents in consultations and decision-making processes, the existing democratic structure can be leveraged by input from the community in order to produce a development plan that is more representative.  
Hoveton Community Council believe that engaged communities are key to a successful plan as it requires input and consensus from a wide range of stakeholders.

5. **Policy Integration.** Neighbourhood Plans created at the parish level can be carefully integrated with higher-level planning policies from district and county councils. Hoveton Community Council wish to ensure that the local plan works in conjunction with wider strategies that include but is not limited to the following: -

- Housing - Built Environment
  - Right Types of Houses in the Right Place
  - Second Home Ownership
  - Affordable Homes for Local People
  - Use of Brownfield Sites
- Climate Change Resilient Sustainable Growth
  - Flooding & Surface Water Drainage
  - Green Infrastructure
  - Biodiversity Net Gain
  - Protecting Environmental Quality e.g., Air Pollution
- Economy - Local Employment, Retail, Tourism, Employment Areas
- Community Facilities & Services
  - Provision of Open Spaces ○ Sport and recreation areas
  - Children’s play areas
  - Community Buildings
- Highways, Transportation and Access
- Natural Environment –
  - Riverside Enhancement & Protection
  - Protection of Rural Landscapes
  - Dark Skies Policy
- Built Heritage
  - Protection of Listed Buildings and their surroundings.

6. **Cohesion and Scale.** Hoveton Community Council believe that as a designated area our parish offers a structured and supportive environment for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. Our aim is to actively produce a robust Neighbourhood plan which will be adopted by our residents. In doing so we seek to integrate community values with practical governance so as to providing a cohesive and solid foundation for sustainable local development.

Signed -

(Clerk to Hoveton Community Council)

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