

## COXHOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Sir / Madam

### **Application for Designation of Coxhoe Parish Council Neighbourhood Area**

I am writing to apply for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The name of the Neighbourhood Area is the **Coxhoe Parish Council Neighbourhood Area** and the application is made by Coxhoe Parish Council, which is a Relevant Body within the terms of Section 61G(2)(a) of the Act.

Attached at Appendix 1 to this letter is a map to identify the Coxhoe Parish Council Neighbourhood Area, the boundary of which is shown edged red. The Parish Council has resolved that the Neighbourhood Area shall encompass the whole of the Coxhoe Parish and the red boundary therefore follows the Parish boundary in its entirety.

A statement in support of the application is provided at Appendix 2.

The designation of the Neighbourhood Area will be an important first step to the community working together to plan positively for the future development of Coxhoe Parish and we look forward to the Council's designation of the Neighbourhood Area once statutory consultation procedures have been met.

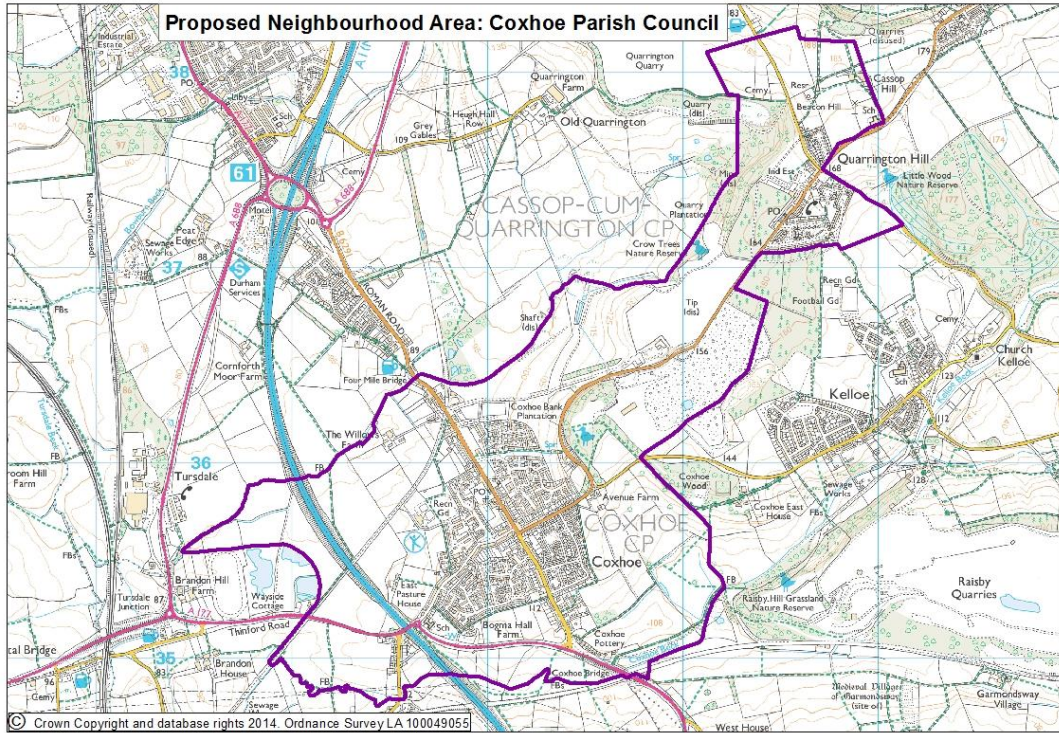
Yours faithfully,

Geoffrey Price (Clerk to the Council)

# APPENDIX 1

## Boundary for proposed Neighbourhood Area

(A map of our existing Parish Boundary provided by DCC)



APPENDIX 2  
STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION  
FOR DESIGNATION OF COXHOE PARISH COUNCIL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Background

Coxhoe Parish Council has a long standing history of working with the local community and it is keen to take the opportunity of undertaking neighbourhood planning in order to guide the future development of the area, in a way which reflects the needs and aspirations of the local community.

A Parish Council Working Group, made up of Parish Councillors and local residents, has started initial work in respect of undertaking neighbourhood planning.

This submission of the Coxhoe Parish Council Neighbourhood Area for designation represents the first formal step in this process.

The Coxhoe Parish Council Neighbourhood Area – appropriateness for designation<sup>1</sup>

The Neighbourhood Area for Coxhoe Parish Council encompasses the whole of the Parish. This accords with the general presumption in Section 61G(4)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act, which refers to ‘the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish council as a neighbourhood area’.

For the purposes of neighbourhood planning, the decision to designate the whole of the Parish is logical and appropriate as it forms a coherent and well-established spatial entity, centred on the village of Coxhoe and encompassing the rural hinterland which forms its essential setting and identity.

There are no areas of overlap with other Neighbourhood Areas.

Coxhoe Parish Council – Relevant Body status<sup>2</sup>

Coxhoe Parish Council is a Relevant Body within the terms of Section 61G(2)(a) of the Act.

A Parish Council Working Group has been established to steer the process of neighbourhood planning in the area, and strong working links are being forged with officers at Durham County Council.

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<sup>1</sup> Statement in fulfilment of Regulation 5(1)(b) (Part 2) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

<sup>2</sup> Statement in fulfilment of Regulation 5(1)(b) (Part 2) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012