Report of the Director of Places

Decision to be taken after 29 July 2014

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

REGENERATION CABINET MEMBER

BRIGG NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.1 To inform the Cabinet Member that Brigg Town Council have applied to have their area formally designated for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

1.2 To seek the Cabinet Member's agreement to advertise and consult on Brigg Town Council's application for neighbourhood area status.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 The Localism Act 2011 provides the chance for local communities to get involved in the planning of their areas. They can now prepare neighbourhood plans, neighbourhood development orders and community right to build orders. Town and parish councils now have powers to shape and encourage new development.

2.2 Before groups start work on a Neighbourhood Plan, they must apply to the council to have the area they wish the plan to cover formally designated. We have to advertise the application for a six week period of consultation. We can then decide whether to designate the neighbourhood area. The council has to publish their decision with any reasons that apply.

2.3 Brigg Town Council wants to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for their area. They have duly submitted an application (appendix 1). The council now needs to consult with the community and other interested stakeholders.

2.4 Officers have worked with the town council to assist them in developing a neighbourhood plan. We are obliged to provide support and assistance in these circumstances.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 There are two options for consideration

3.1.1 **Option 1** – advertise Brigg Town Council's application for neighbourhood area status and undertake a six week public consultation.

3.1.2 **Option 2** – do not advertise Brigg Town Council's application for neighbourhood area status and do not undertake a six week public consultation.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Option 1 ensures that the council meets its duties under the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 relating to neighbourhood planning. It would also allow the council to discharge its duty to support communities wishing to undertake neighbourhood planning. There is no reason not to consult on the application. This is the preferred option.

4.2 Option 2 would not achieve any of the above and would delay Brigg Town Council in the timely preparation of their Neighbourhood Plan.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

The council can submit bids to the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG) for funding assistance to cover its costs in terms of some aspects of neighbourhood planning. This includes for providing advice/assistance. The neighbourhood planning process also includes for an independent examination of the plan and for a community referendum that ensures that the community has a final say on whether a neighbourhood plan is adopted. The available funding assistance is intended to help meet any costs arising from these processes.

Communities undertaking neighbourhood planning can also apply to the 'Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning Programme' for financial assistance. They can apply for up to £7,000 to help them with their costs. Also parishes with a neighbourhood plan are eligible for up to 25% of any Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies arising from developments in their area.

5.2 Staffing

The Spatial Planning team will provide the staffing resources required for neighbourhood planning. Officers in Legal and Democratic Services will organise and administer any referendum that is subsequently required.

5.3 There are no further resource implications.

6. OUTCOME OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 An integrated impact assessment was completed and no issues of concern were apparent.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED

7.1 Officers have worked with the town council over a period of several months to assist them towards taking forward a neighbourhood plan.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That Cabinet Member agrees to advertise Brigg Town Council's application for neighbourhood area status and undertake a six week public consultation on the application.

DIRECTOR OF PLACES

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Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

- Localism Act 2011
- Statutory Instrument 2012 No. 637 – *The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012* (TSO, 2012)

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TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012

APPLICATION TO DESIGNATE A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Publication of applications on the North Lincolnshire Council website
Please note that the information provided on this application form may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact Spatial Planning.

1. Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum contact

Name	BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL
Address	BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE THE ANGEL SUITE EXCHANGE PLACE BRIGG NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE
Post Code	DN20 8LD
Telephone	01652 659402
E-mail	enquiries@bnggmarkettown.co.uk

2. Additional Contact Details (if different from section 1)

Name	
Address	
Post Code	
mobile + Telephone	07584315971
E-mail	

3. Relevant body: Please confirm that you are 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

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Name of Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum: BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

- [x] Whole of Town/Parish boundary area
- [ ] Part of Town/Parish area
- [ ] Joint with neighbouring town/parish
- [ ] Neighbourhood Forum area

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

THE DESIGNATED AREA IS LIMITED TO THAT WHICH FALLS WITHIN THE PARISH BOUNDARY, AND COMPLIES WITH THE AREA ALREADY COVERED BY THE COMMUNITY LED PLAN. THIS WILL ENABLE THE ELECTORATE OF BRIGG TO INFLUENCE ENTIRELY, THE POLICIES TO BE INCORPORATED WITHIN THE FINAL PLAN.

Please continue on a separate sheet if required

6. Intention of Neighbourhood Area: Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area.

- [x] Neighbourhood Plan
- [ ] Neighbourhood Development Order
- [ ] Community Right to Build Order

7. Additional joint town/parish details: If you are applying with an adjoining town/parish or parishes please give the clerk's details for each town/parish.

N/A

8. Support from North Lincolnshire Council: If you need support from the council, please indicate what form of support you would like to have.

- [x] Support to Prepare Plan
- [x] Funding Support
- [x] Support with Evidence Base
- [x] General Advice
- [x] Support with Consultation
- [x] Other *(please state)*

9. Declaration: I/we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and the accompanying plan. In the case of joint town/parish applications, names from each town/parish would be required.

Names	JMWoollard, BRIGG TOWN CLERK	**Date**	2.5.2014
		Date	

10. Returning the Form/More Information: Please send your completed form to the address below or contact us via the methods set out below if you need more information.

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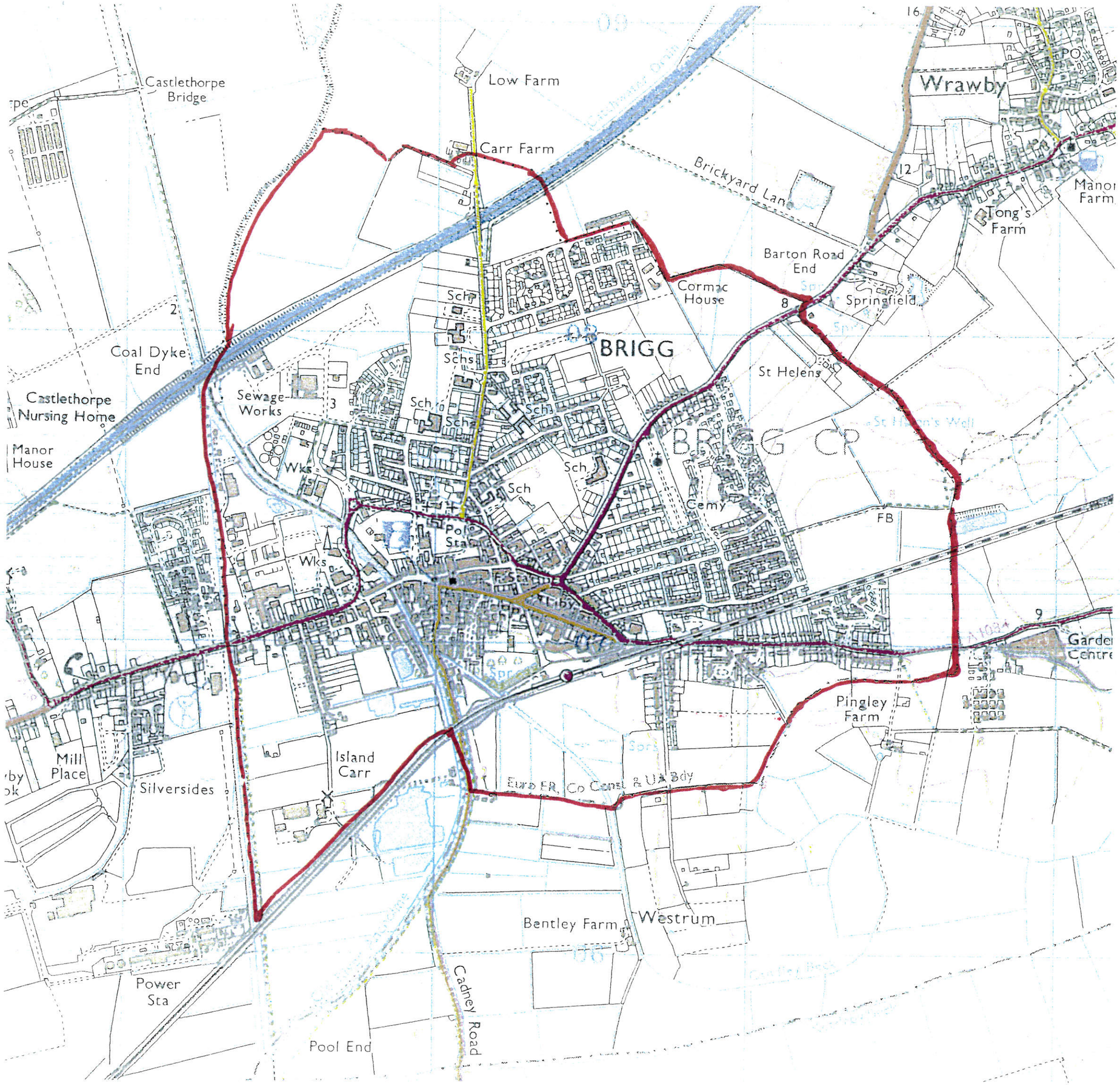

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

MAP OF THE PROPOSED DESIGNATED AREA WHICH IS DEFINED BY THE TOWN/PARISH BOUNDARY