

# Application A

## Regulation 5: Application for the Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

- a) A map is attached at Annex A showing the full extent of the area proposed to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. This follows the same boundary as the Acomb & Westfield Ward boundaries (as at the date that the latest boundary was agreed).
- b) This area is considered to be appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons: -
  - i. It follows the recognised/established Ward boundaries
  - ii. Formal and informal networks of community-based groups already operate within these boundaries
  - iii. Distinct catchment areas for schools and local facilities fall within the boundaries proposed
  - iv. Consultation to date shows that there is a desire for a neighbourhood plan to cover the full ward areas
- c) We are making this application as an organisation or body which is capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum. An application has been submitted alongside this application for the designation of an Acomb & Westfield Neighbourhood Forum.
- d) We consider that the proposed Acomb & Westfield Neighbourhood Forum (see attached Application B) is the appropriate body to lead neighbourhood planning in this area. We believe that we have demonstrated in the attached application that the group is capable of meeting the conditions for designation contained in section 61F(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.