

UDC and Newport Parish Council Response to Examiner's Initial Letter

1. Qualifying Body (Newport Parish Council)

An explicit consent that Quendon and Rickling Parish agrees to Newport Parish Council to act as the Qualifying Body is provided in the **Appendix 1** which is an email from Quendon Parish Council.

2. Uttlesford District Council Consideration: Paragraph 6(2) (a) of the Town and Country Act 1990 and Section 61F

Uttlesford District Council is satisfied that Newport Parish Council is authorised to act in relation to the neighbourhood area i.e. Newport Parish and Quendon Rickling for the following reasons:

- An application dated 27 November 2016 for a neighbourhood area designation was received from Newport Parish Council with an appended letter from Quendon Parish together with the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area (**Appendix 2**). Newport Parish with the consent of Quendon Parish took the lead role in submission of the application.
- The Newport Parish Council address is the only one used for consultation responses and not Quendon and Rickling.
- Newport Parish has a larger population and more planning issues than Quendon and Rickling hence the lead taken by Newport Parish.
- A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group comprising members from both parishes was formed and the selected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are from Newport Parish. The lead roles in the Steering Group have been from Newport Parish.
- The letter in **Appendix 1** confirms that Quendon Parish Council consented to Newport Parish Council taking the lead role.

3. SEA Screening Determination

The SEA Screening Determination Statement (September 2019) on page 6 concludes that, "Based on the preliminary screening opinion prepared by Uttlesford in July 2019 and having considered the consultation responses from the statutory environmental bodies, Uttlesford District Council determines that the Newport Quendon & Rickling Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to result in significant environmental effects and therefore does not require a strategic environmental assessment. The Council also determines that the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to result in significant effects on any European site."

Based on the above statement, Uttlesford District Council's final screening decision is that the Newport Quendon and Rickling Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have significant effects on any European Site.

Paragraph 7.2 refers to, "preliminary view" because it is the conclusion of the SEA/HRA Screening Report for Newport Quendon and Rickling Neighbourhood Plan (prepared July 2019) prior to consulting the Statutory bodies. The definitive conclusion is presented in the Determination Statement (prepared September 2019) after considering responses from the statutory bodies.

The SEA/HRA Screening Report for Newport Quendon and Rickling Neighbourhood Plan is provided in the submission as an Appendix to the Determination Statement.

APPENDIX 1

From: Parish Clerk [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 November 2019 19:24:34
To: Neil Hargreaves [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: URGENT Re: Submission of Newport Quendon & Rickling Documents to Examiner

Dear Neil

I am instructed by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council Chairman to confirm that the parish council is in agreement that Newport Parish Council should be considered the Qualifying Body with regard to submission of Newport Quendon & Rickling Documents to Examiner.

Yours sincerely
Keith Williams
Parish Clerk
Quendon and Rickling Parish Council

APPENDIX 2

NEWPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Christine Griffin

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27th November 2016

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Dear Sirs

Neighbourhood Plan

I am writing to advise you that following its meeting on 9th May 2016, Newport Parish Council wishes to apply for the designation of the Parish of Newport together with the Parish of Quendon and Rickling (letter attached) as a Neighbourhood Area under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Newport Parish Council qualifies as a relevant body within the meaning of section 61G of the 1990 Act states that such bodies include the town or parish council for an area for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood plan.

Newport Parish Council requests that Uttlesford District Council designate the area to be included in our neighbourhood plan as shown on the attached map identifying the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area, namely the Parishes of Newport, Quendon and Rickling.

The built environment is primarily residential within a mix of uses including retail, small businesses and educational facilities. Designating the two parishes as a Neighbourhood Area is considered appropriate given the location and nature of growth envisaged through the area through the Local Plan. The community wishes to influence future development within the proposed area to ensure it is appropriately integrated with and complementary to existing infrastructure and the natural environment. A Steering Group, which includes representatives of both Parish Councils and the community, has been formed and have met to discuss the process of creating the neighbourhood plan.

APPENDIX 2 (contd).

I understand you will be undertaking a public consultation as part of this process and look forward to receiving details in due course.

Yours sincerely

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Christine Griffin.

Christine Griffin
Parish Clerk

APPENDIX 2 (contd).

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to advise you that following its meeting on 14.10.2016 Quendon & Rickling Parish Council wishes to apply together with the Parish of Newport for designation as a Neighbourhood Area under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Quendon & Rickling Parish Council qualifies as a relevant body within the meaning of section 61 G of the 1990 Act which states that such bodies include the town or parish council for an area for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood plan. Quendon & Rickling Parish Council requests that Uttlesford District Council designate the area to be included in our neighbourhood plan as shown on the attached map identifying the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area, namely the Parishes of Newport, Quendon and Rickling. The built environment is primarily residential within a mix of uses including small businesses and educational facilities. Designating the two parishes as a Neighbourhood Area is considered appropriate given the location and nature of growth envisaged through the area through the Local Plan. The community wishes to influence future development within the proposed area to ensure it is appropriately integrated with and complementary to existing infrastructure and the natural environment. A Steering Group, which includes representatives of both Parish Councils and the community, has been formed and have met to discuss the process of creating the neighbourhood plan. I understand you will be undertaking a public consultation as part of this process and look forward to receiving details in due course.

Kind regards



Anne Webb

Clerk to Quendon & Rickling Parish Council.

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Newport, Quendon & Rickling Neighbourhood Plan Area

