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NUNTHORPE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
Application for Area Designation  
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Nunthorpe Parish Council, as a qualifying body, submits to Redcar & Cleveland Council and Middlesbrough Council this Application for Designation of an Area as appropriate for a Neighbourhood Plan.

This Application is submitted in accordance with -  
The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Section 61, and  
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2021 (as amended)

### 1. Description of Area.

The proposed area is indicated on the attached map. It consists of the following :

#### **Middlesbrough**

All of Nunthorpe Parish.

A small area to the north of the Parish constituted by Milan Grove, Yew Tree Grove and the Plymouth Brethren Church.

#### **Redcar and Cleveland**

The southern part of the Ormesby ward of Redcar and Cleveland, along a line connecting Gypsy Lane Station, West Field Wood, the Woodley Grove / Rothesay Grove separation point, Charnwood Drive (including the properties to the north, ie 2-16), Ormesby Bank between 117 and 119, south along Ormesby Bank (including the row of houses at the east of Swan's Corner), and along the A1043 bypass until meeting the railway where the Redcar and Cleveland boundary intersects with the Middlesbrough boundary, adjacent to the pylons.

### 2. Rationale for Nunthorpe constituting a "Neighbourhood"

There is abundant evidence that the Nunthorpe community is sufficiently coherent to constitute a single "neighbourhood" straddling the boundary between two local authorities.

A shared identification has continued for many decades, despite various local authority changes. It is reflected and reinforced by official "Nunthorpe" signage on both sides of the railway. Residents from both local authorities specify "Nunthorpe" as their place of residence. All residents receive and contribute to "Greater Nunthorpe News". Young people from both local authorities attend Nunthorpe Academy together. The railway station is shared between the two Councils. The premises of the local Anglican Church are divided between the two local authorities. There is a

single shared post-office and a single shared pharmacist. The only local medical practice is in the process of relocating from one side of the railway to the other. Conversely, the loss of any amenity on one “side of the tracks” has impacted on all Nunthorpians - with examples including the closure of the library and the termination of the Adult Education Centre.

There is a unifying and consistent message that residents are proud to live in Nunthorpe.

It follows that any future developments in the Redcar and Cleveland section of Nunthorpe will have an impact on Middlesbrough’s Nunthorpe residents, and vice versa. There are shared infrastructure concerns, and a joint desire to make progress on environmental issues. There is an increasing mood across Nunthorpe that residents should make a greater contribution to controlling our future together. Sharing a destiny, and sharing a neighbourhood, has resulted in the proposition that we should share a Neighbourhood Plan - while respecting our distinct constitutional identities as belonging to two different local authorities.

### **3. Consultation about the area proposed for “designation”**

Although there is consensus about what constitutes “Nunthorpe”, this is not precisely identified on any map. Therefore, there has been a comprehensive consultative process over more than twelve months to obtain the precision required to make this Application.

A map drawing a provisional boundary was delivered to every household within, and adjacent to, the area proposed. It was also advertised and made available through social media. Residents were invited to provide feedback electronically, or through special boxes located at specified locations across Nunthorpe.

In parallel, there has been a series of articles in “Greater Nunthorpe News” encouraging debate on the subject. These articles appeared under the heading - “Where is Nunthorpe ?” (The quarterly publication entitled “Greater Nunthorpe News” is distributed free to every household within the area proposed for designation.)

Nunthorpe Parish Council liaised with Guisborough Town Council through several discussions, and produced detailed documentation and maps to assist the deliberations of Guisborough Town Council and the working party established by the Town Council to undertake investigations.

At the instigation of a number of residents, a survey was undertaken to elicit the views of the households who live in the Nunthorpe ward of Middlesbrough Council, but are not resident in the area of Nunthorpe Parish Council.

Councillor Carole Morgan, who represents the Ormesby Ward of Redcar and Cleveland, and who lives in Nunthorpe, has been consulted during the process.

The Head of Planning of Middlesbrough Council and the Planning Strategy Manager of Redcar and Cleveland Council have been updated on progress from time to time.

The Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan has been an item on the agenda at every recent meeting of Nunthorpe Parish Council, facilitating regular reporting and enabling questioning not only by local residents, but also by visitors from Redcar and Cleveland interested in the issue of area designation. The Plan is also a regular item on the agenda of the Nunthorpe Vision Group. Commitment 18 (of the “Nunthorpe Nineteen” pledges by the Mayor of Middlesbrough) undertakes that Middlesbrough will facilitate establishment of a Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan.

The consultants appointed by “Locality” to advise the Parish Council on the consultative process - Dave Chetwyn and Debbie Lamb - have expressed their satisfaction with the nature and extent of the consultation. They strongly endorse this application.

#### **4. Outcome of Consultation.**

As a result of the consultation, the area now proposed differs from the area provisionally indicated at the start of the process.

In response to initial feedback from several vociferous residents, and a comprehensive survey to test whether their views are representative of all 43 households in the relevant streets, an additional unparished area within Middlesbrough has now been included within the proposed area, incorporating Milan Grove, Yew Tree Grove, and the Brethren Church. There has been a very minor consequential adjustment to align the connection within Redcar and Cleveland adjacent to Gypsy Lane Station.

The most significant outcome of consultation is the decision of Guisborough Town Council to decline the invitation to become a joint sponsor of the Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan. Therefore, a rural section of Nunthorpe, primarily to the south of Swan’s Corner, has been omitted from the current submission.

Otherwise, the area now proposed is identical to that on the provisional map circulated during consultation. Despite the fact that there does not appear to have been any previous attempt to identify Nunthorpe by drawing a precise boundary line within Redcar and Cleveland, our recent attempt to do this (as outlined above) did not result in a single objection or alternative suggestion from residents within Redcar and Cleveland. On the contrary, a considerable effort to maximise the number of responses secured feedback from 292 residents, of whom 26% live in Redcar & Cleveland and 74% live in Middlesbrough. We understand that this level of response is regarded as a good outcome, particularly during the pandemic.

#### **5. Qualifying Body**

For the reasons set out above, the Parish Council, after consideration of various options and comprehensive consultation with residents, has concluded that it would be in the interests of the Nunthorpe community if the entire Parish area is now formally designated, together with two adjacent areas of unparished land - one within Redcar & Cleveland, and one within Middlesbrough.

This application for area designation is submitted formally by Nunthorpe Parish Council, (being a “qualifying body” under Section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990) with the support of Councillor Carole Morgan from Redcar & Cleveland Council.

The relevant Section of the 1990 Act provides that, for the purposes of a neighbourhood development order, a Parish Council is authorised to act in relation to a neighbourhood area if that area consists of or includes the whole or any part of the area of the Parish Council. While accepting its responsibility as a qualifying body, Nunthorpe Parish Council is committed to development of the Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan as a partnership between the Nunthorpe residents within Redcar & Cleveland, and those living within Middlesbrough. At all stages, meetings will involve Ward Councillors from both Councils, and will take place on both sides of the railway - liaising with the relevant Officers from both Councils. In short, Nunthorpe Parish Council will continue with the inclusive approach already evident during the consultation leading to this application.

We therefore apply to Middlesbrough Council and Redcar & Cleveland Council for endorsement of our designation of the proposed **Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Area** (as described in this statement and the accompanying map) as appropriate for a Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Morgan McClintock, Chair of Nunthorpe Parish Council

Councillor Carole Morgan, Ward Councillor for Ormesby and Nunthorpe, Redcar & Cleveland.

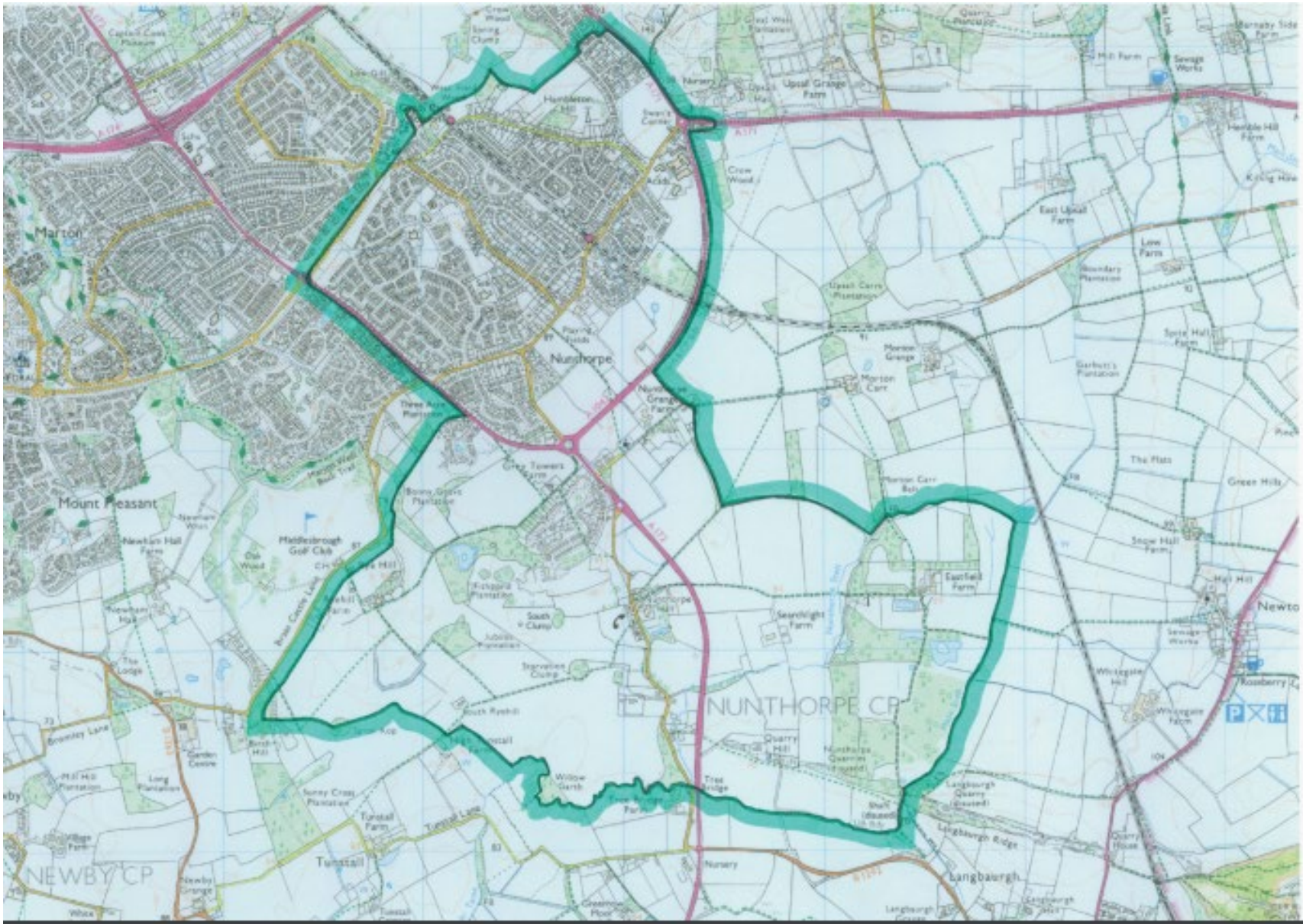
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## **APPENDICES**

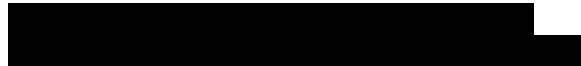
Appendix A. Map identifying the area proposed for designation (Map 027)

Appendix B. Map clarifying the unparished areas proposed for inclusion (Map 039) on which “1” designates the unparished land within Middlesbrough, and “2” designates the unparished land within Redcar & Cleveland.

APPENDIX A



Nunthorpe Parish Council c/o Mrs Angela Livingstone, The Clerk



APPENDIX B



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