

## **Yaxham Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Statement**

Yaxham Parish Council is a duly elected council is an appropriate body under The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (2012) for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan (as defined in Section 61.G of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 as amended).

We hereby notify Breckland Council that Yaxham Parish Council would like to submit a Neighbourhood Plan Area as the first step in the process.

The designated Plan Area is as shown on the attached map and is the area enclosed within the boundary of Yaxham Civil Parish.

The Plan Area will cover the whole of the Civil Parish of Yaxham. This is in line with the Government's approach to planning, which aims to give local people more say about how their area is developed. This is particularly important for this Parish Council which is under considerable pressure, primarily as a result of its location.

The Neighbourhood Plan will dovetail with Breckland Council's production of a new single "local plan".

The purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to maintain the sense of place and quality of life in the Parish by preserving the balance between future development and rural landscape, together with green open space and agricultural balance. In the first instance it will draw significantly on the "Your Yaxham" Community Led Plan of 2013 which received input from some 74% of local residents.

The Neighbourhood Plan will include the following issues:

- Affordable residential development in conjunction with local needs
- To review the requirement and provision of community facilities
- To provide and maintain a sustainable Parish within the Plan Area
- To maintain and protect the tranquil rural nature of the Parish
- To address where practical the road traffic concerns of the Parish and reduce the need for private car use
- Development of employment and business use appropriate to the rural nature of the parish
- To maintain and develop the village school.

The Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will develop the Neighbourhood Plan through consultation and engagement with the local community and working closely with Breckland District Council's Planning Policy Team.

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Neighbourhood Plan Statement & Map – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015