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29 August 2013

For the Attention of the Head of Planning

Dear Carol Straughan,

Application for Designation of Wynyard Neighbourhood Area

I am writing to apply for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The name of the Neighbourhood Area is the **Wynyard Neighbourhood Area** and the application is made by Grindon Parish Council, which is a Relevant Body within the terms of Section 61G(2)(a) of the Act.

A map is enclosed to identify the Wynyard Neighbourhood Area, the extent of which is shown by the area shaded blue in Appendix 1. The Neighbourhood Area is made up of the northern half of Grindon Parish (lying within Stockton Borough Council's administrative area) and a portion of the adjoining Elwick Parish, which lies within Hartlepool.

This application is accordingly being jointly made to both Stockton and Hartlepool Councils in accordance with Section 61I of the Act.

A statement in support of the application is provided at Appendix 2A. Grindon Parish Council has the mandate of Elwick Parish Council to act as the lead body to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Wynyard with its full collaboration and support (see letter of confirmation from Elwick Parish Council dated 4 May 2013 at Appendix 2B).

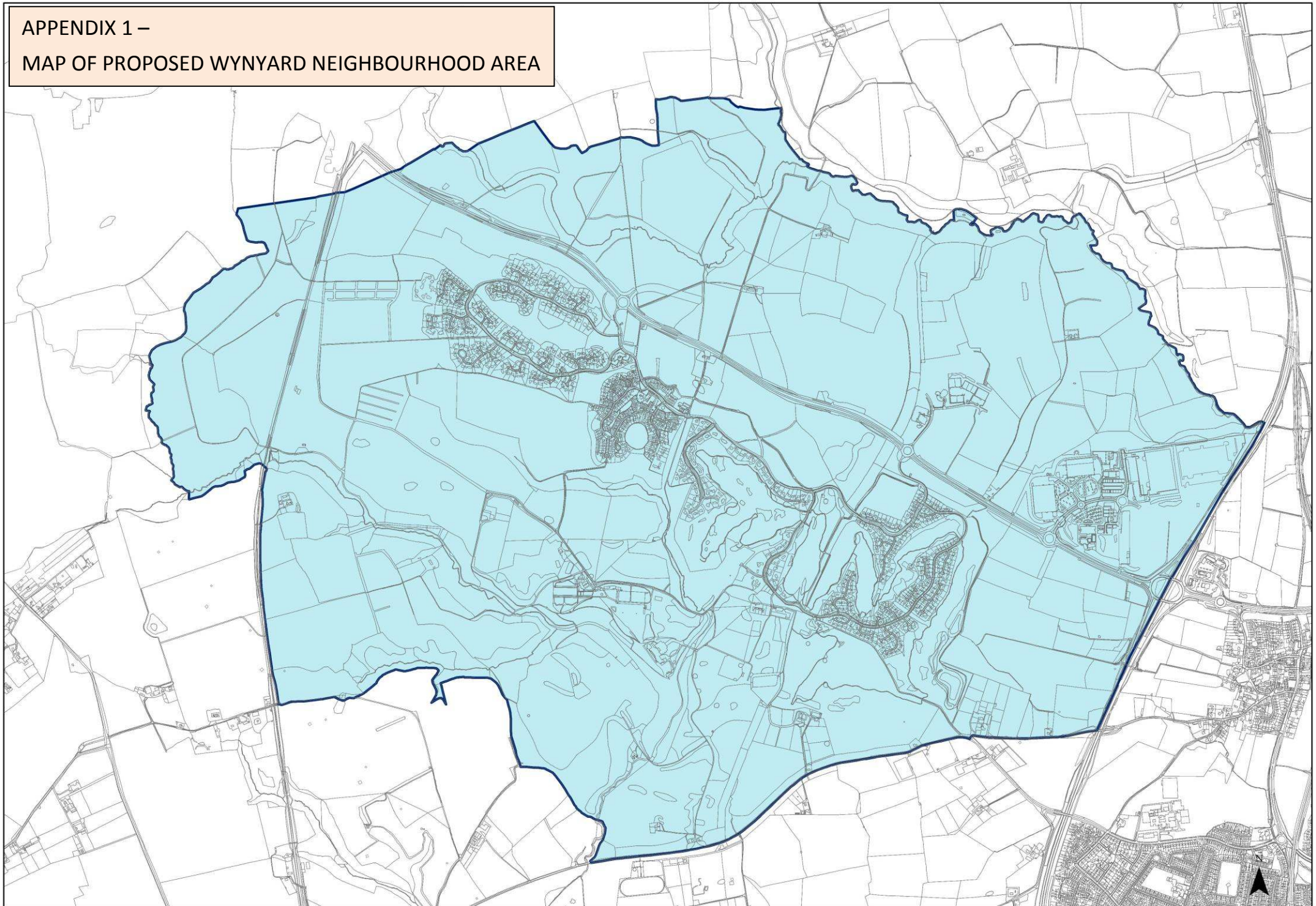
Finally, an additional explanatory map (Appendix 3A) and map key (Appendix 3B) is also provided to show the relationship of the Wynyard Neighbourhood Area to Grindon and Elwick Parishes as a whole.

The designation of the Neighbourhood Area will be an important first step to the community working together to plan positively for the future development of Wynyard and we look forward to the Council's designation of the Neighbourhood Area once statutory consultation procedures have been met.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Johnson
Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, Grindon Parish Council

APPENDIX 1 –
MAP OF PROPOSED WYNYARD NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA



APPENDIX 2A

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF WYNYARD NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Background

Neighbourhood planning is central to the Coalition Government's Localism Act 2011. Grindon Parish Council has a long standing history in serving their local community and has also previously collaborated with the neighbouring Elwick Parish Council on projects.

In May 2013, Grindon Parish Council began partnership working with Wynyard Residents Association (WRA). The WRA was established in 2012 to represent the interests of the Wynyard community and is a fully constituted body. The Wynyard community have strong aspirations to develop a Neighbourhood Plan to provide a joined-up approach to the planning of their area, in particular to develop community facilities and appropriate housing whilst protecting the valuable characteristics and design of the neighbourhood.

It was decided that a sub-committee of the WRA needed to be set up as a working group to oversee the development of the Neighbourhood Plan for Wynyard.

This submission of the proposed Wynyard Neighbourhood Area for designation represents the first formal step in this process.

The Wynyard Neighbourhood Area incorporates parts of both Grindon Parish (within Stockton Borough) and Elwick Parish, (within Hartlepool Borough). The resulting Neighbourhood Area is therefore is a cross-Parish and cross-Local Authority entity.

The Wynyard Neighbourhood Area – appropriateness for designation¹

The proposed Neighbourhood Area for Wynyard encompasses a distinct community bounded by Greenfield land and situated between two conurbations (Stockton and Hartlepool). The area consists of 900 houses in a semi-rural setting known as Wynyard Woods, together with a commercial/industrial area to the north known as Wynyard Park. The Neighbourhood Area covers these two distinct parts of Wynyard.

An explanatory map and key has been included as part of this application in Appendix 3A and 3B respectively. These help clarify the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area in the context of both Grindon & Elwick Parishes and the Borough boundaries.

The boundaries of the Neighbourhood Area have been specifically chosen to follow strong physical features (roads, walkways, woodland edges) or Parish/Local Authority boundaries. These firmly demarcate and encompass the Wynyard Neighbourhood Area, which is a robust and logical entity for the purposes of neighbourhood planning. There are no areas of overlap with other Neighbourhood Areas.

¹ Statement in fulfilment of Regulation 5(1)(b) (Part 2) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Grindon Parish Council - Relevant Body status²

Grindon Parish Council is a Relevant Body within the terms of Section 61G(2)(a) of the Act.

The development of the Wynyard Neighbourhood Plan has the full support of Elwick Parish Council, which has confirmed in writing that they are happy for Grindon Parish Council to act as the lead body in this task in partnership with the WRA (see Appendix 2B).

As a sub-committee of the WRA, the Wynyard Neighbourhood Plan Working Group represents the community living within the Wynyard Neighbourhood Area. It consists of local residents, representatives from Grindon Parish Council, Elwick Parish Council and local organisations, all committed to working in partnership with businesses and landowners to influence how the Wynyard Neighbourhood Area develops into the future.

The Group has developed its own Terms of Reference and strong working links have been made with Officers within Hartlepool Borough Council and Stockton Borough Council Planning Policy teams.

² Statement in fulfilment of Regulation 5(1)(c) (Part 2) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

APPENDIX 2B - LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM ELWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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4 May 2013

Mrs. Margaret Johnson
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Dear Mrs. Johnson,

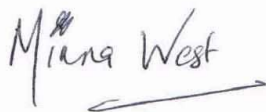
Neighbourhood Planning

Elwick Parish Council, at their meeting of 29 April 2013, were very pleased to support the proposal to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Wynyard.

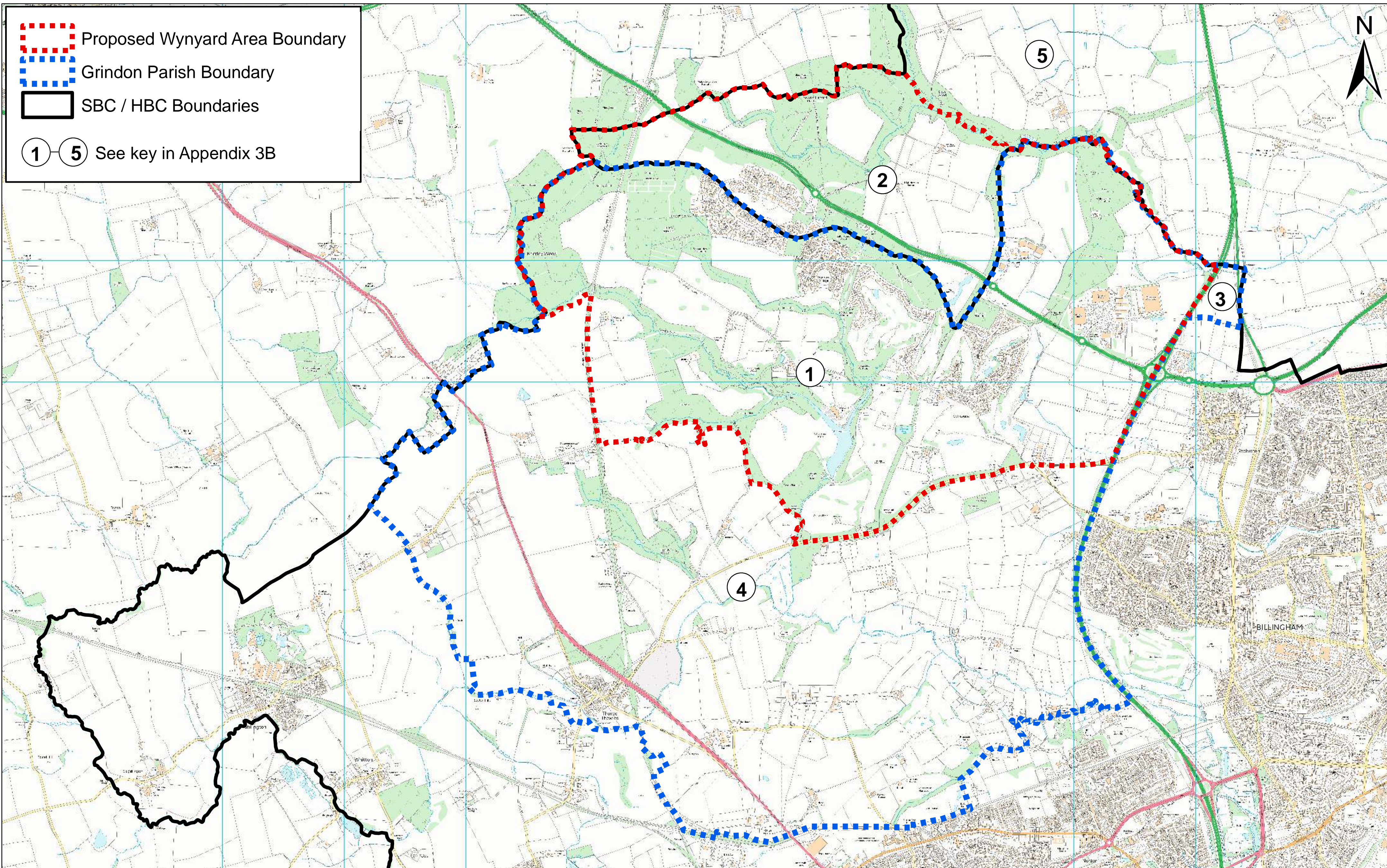
Councillors further agreed to accept the proposal that they have a reserved place on the Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Plan for Wynyard.






I look forward to hearing from you as to date / time of the next meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Minna West
Clerk to the Parish Council



 Proposed Wynyard Area Boundary
 Grindon Parish Boundary
 SBC / HBC Boundaries
  See key in Appendix 3B


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 August 2013

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Title and Reference Number: **Appendix 3a : Explanatory Map - Wynyard Neighbourhood Area Boundary in the context of Grindon & Elwick Parishes & the Borough boundaries.**

APPENDIX 3B – Key to Explanatory Map (Appendix 3A)

Wynyard Neighbourhood Area in the context of Grindon & Elwick Parishes and the Borough boundaries

Area		Explanation of boundary/area
Areas of Grindon and Elwick <u>included</u> within Wynyard Neighbourhood Area:		
Area 1	Grindon Parish – northern section (Stockton BC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern boundary follows Parish boundary (A19), with the exception of Area 3 below • Southern boundary follows Wynyard Road from A19 westwards, before turning northwards to follow the edge of woodland beginning to the east of Stockton Quarry and continuing along the woodland edge until joining the alignment of a right of way running due west to meet the Castle Eden Walkway • Western boundary then follows the alignment of the Castle Eden Walkway northwards till it meets the edge of Brierley Wood. Boundary then follows the edge of the woodland westwards before meeting with and following the Parish boundary. • Upon reaching the Borough boundary, it continues to incorporate Area 2, described below
Area 2	Elwick Parish – southern section (Hartlepool BC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area covered is the balance of Elwick Parish falling outside the portion designated as part of the Hartlepool Rural Plan (Area 5 below) • North-eastern boundary is coterminous with the Hartlepool Rural Plan boundary • Northern boundary is coterminous with Hartlepool Borough boundary
Areas of Grindon and Elwick <u>excluded</u> from Wynyard Neighbourhood Area:		
Area 3	Grindon Parish – small section east of A19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a logical part of Wynyard Neighbourhood Area as it is physically cut off by the A19. The area is also the potential location of road infrastructure to serve future development west of the A19 at North Burn (Hartlepool Borough)
Area 4	Grindon Parish – southern section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a logical part of Wynyard Neighbourhood Area as it has its own separate identity based around the settlement of Thorpe Thewles
Area 5	Elwick Parish – northern section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a logical part of Wynyard Neighbourhood Area and is already part of another designated Neighbourhood Area (the Hartlepool Rural Plan Area)