

WICKLEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Spatial Planning Team
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Dear Spatial Planning Team,

**RE: APPLICATION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WICKLEWOOD
NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA**

In accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), Wicklewood Parish Council hereby formally applies to South Norfolk Council for the designation of the Parish of Wicklewood and Crownthorpe as a Neighbourhood Area.

As required by the Regulations, the details of our application are set out below:

1. Map of the Proposed Area

Please find attached a map identifying the area to which this application relates. The boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area is outlined clearly in red and encompasses the entirety of the civil parish boundary of Wicklewood and Crownthorpe.

2. Relevant Body Statement

Wiklewood Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). The Parish Council is the elected local tier of government representing the residents within this boundary and is legally authorised to lead the neighbourhood planning process for this area.

3. Justification Statement

The proposed area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the following reasons:

- * **Administrative Cohesion:** The designated area matches exactly the existing administrative boundary of Wicklewood and Crownthorpe Parish. This boundary is well-understood by residents, service providers, and local organisations, ensuring absolute clarity throughout the consultation and planning phases.
- * **Shared Identity and Community Infrastructure:** Despite consisting of two distinct historical localities—Wicklewood and Crownthorpe—the communities are socially and economically integrated. They share essential infrastructure and community assets, including Wicklewood Primary School and Nursery, the village hall and local playing fields, .
- * **Local Planning Issues:** A unified neighbourhood plan will allow the community to collectively manage common spatial issues. This includes shaping future housing developments, preserving the distinct rural landscape buffer between local settlements, protecting rural green spaces, and addressing local traffic and infrastructure pressures across the entire parish footprint.

We look forward to receiving confirmation that our application has been received and to working collaboratively with South Norfolk Council to progress the Wicklewood Neighbourhood Plan.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

C A Bailey

Mrs Carol A Bailey

Clerk to Wicklewood Parish Council