



Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council

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25th May 2017

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Dear [REDACTED]

STRENSALL WITH TOWTHORPE PARISH **FURTHER APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA**

Further to the initial application dated 15th August 2015, for the designation of the Strensall with Towthorpe Parish as the area to be covered by the Strensall with Towthorpe Neighbourhood Plan, which was approved at the Executive Decision Meeting on 6th January 2016.

As you are aware the Parish Council has been in contact with yourselves and Stockton on the Forest Parish Council following the announcement on 7th November 2016 by the Ministry of Defence to dispose of several sites including Queen Elizabeth II Barracks and Towthorpe Lines.

The Parish Council believes that to avoid further congestion, especially at peak times, on Strensall Road that an alternate safe access to the A64 is vital. As it is understood that Stockton on the Forest Parish are not progressing with a Neighbourhood Plan the need to amend the boundary to include Towthorpe Moor Lane in its entirety and the junction with the A64 at Hazelbush crossroads was believed to be essential.

As a result of these communications the steering group met on 28th March 2017 and decided that a further application be made to amend the boundary of the approved designated area to include Towthorpe Moor Lane and the Hazelbush crossroads at the junction with the A64.

A copy of the response from Stockton on the Forest Parish is attached together with a revised map and application document suitably amended for your consideration.

Please advise if these documents are acceptable to commence the consultation process required to amend the Strensall with Towthorpe Neighbourhood Plan Designated Area.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Tony Fisher (Chairman)

STRENSALL WITH TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

APPLICATION TO CITY OF YORK COUNCIL FOR DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

1. INTRODUCTION

Strensall with Towthorpe Parish is located in the Strensall Ward of the City of York Council and is some 6 miles north from the city centre of York. In 2009 the separate parishes of Strensall and Towthorpe, administered by one parish council, were combined into the parish of Strensall with Towthorpe. The village of Strensall and the hamlet of Towthorpe are included within the parish. The extensive MoD owned Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Towthorpe Lines Training Centre and the firing ranges are also contained within the parish and are collectively located on land known as Strensall Common although owned by the Crown as detailed in the 1884 Strensall Common Act. Strensall Common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and the SSSI includes the MoD owned and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust owned land.

The attached map (Appendix A) shows the boundary of the parish and the additional part of Stockton on the Forest Parish.

2. STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE PARISH IS CONSIDERED AN APPROPRIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA.

Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council plays a lead role in the parish and represents the interests of all its residents. The Parish Council, as a statutory consultee, deals with a substantial number of planning applications throughout the parish. Following consultation on 29th January 2015, between Parish Council Representatives and the Commanding Officer at Queen Elizabeth Barracks, it was agreed that the MoD owned land should also be included within any boundary for a Neighbourhood Plan. Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council played a lead role in the 2011 appraisal of the three conservation areas within the parish – CAA 23 Strensall, CAA 31 Strensall Railway Buildings and CAA 32 Towthorpe. At the August 11th 2015 meeting of Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council it was resolved that the Neighbourhood Plan Area boundary should be the parish boundary.

3. STRENSALL WITH TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL AS RELEVANT BODY

Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council is the first tier of local government and enjoys support from the community. It is fully prepared to engage with the community to produce a Neighbourhood Plan in conjunction with Officers of City of York Council. The production of a Neighbourhood Plan is a logical step forward from the Village Design Statement which was approved by the Cabinet of City of York Council on 3rd March 2015. At the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on 7th April 2015, following a presentation by [REDACTED] of City of York Council, the residents were given the opportunity to discuss the merits of having a Neighbourhood Plan and it was unanimously agreed that a plan should follow the successful production of the Village Design Statement.

4. REASON FOR AMENDMENT

Following the announcement by the Ministry of Defence on 7th November 2016, to dispose of several sites including Queen Elizabeth II Barracks and Towthorpe Lines within Strensall with Towthorpe Parish, it is believed that to avoid further traffic congestion on Strensall Road that an alternate access to the A64 be considered. This alternate access would be from the junction of Strensall Road and Towthorpe Moor Lane to the junction of the latter with the A64 at Hazelbush crossroads. As Stockton on the Forest Parish is the responsible parish council for eastern part of this route but are not progressing with a neighbourhood plan it is believed that this alternate access is a vital part of the proposed development of the Ministry of Defence sites.

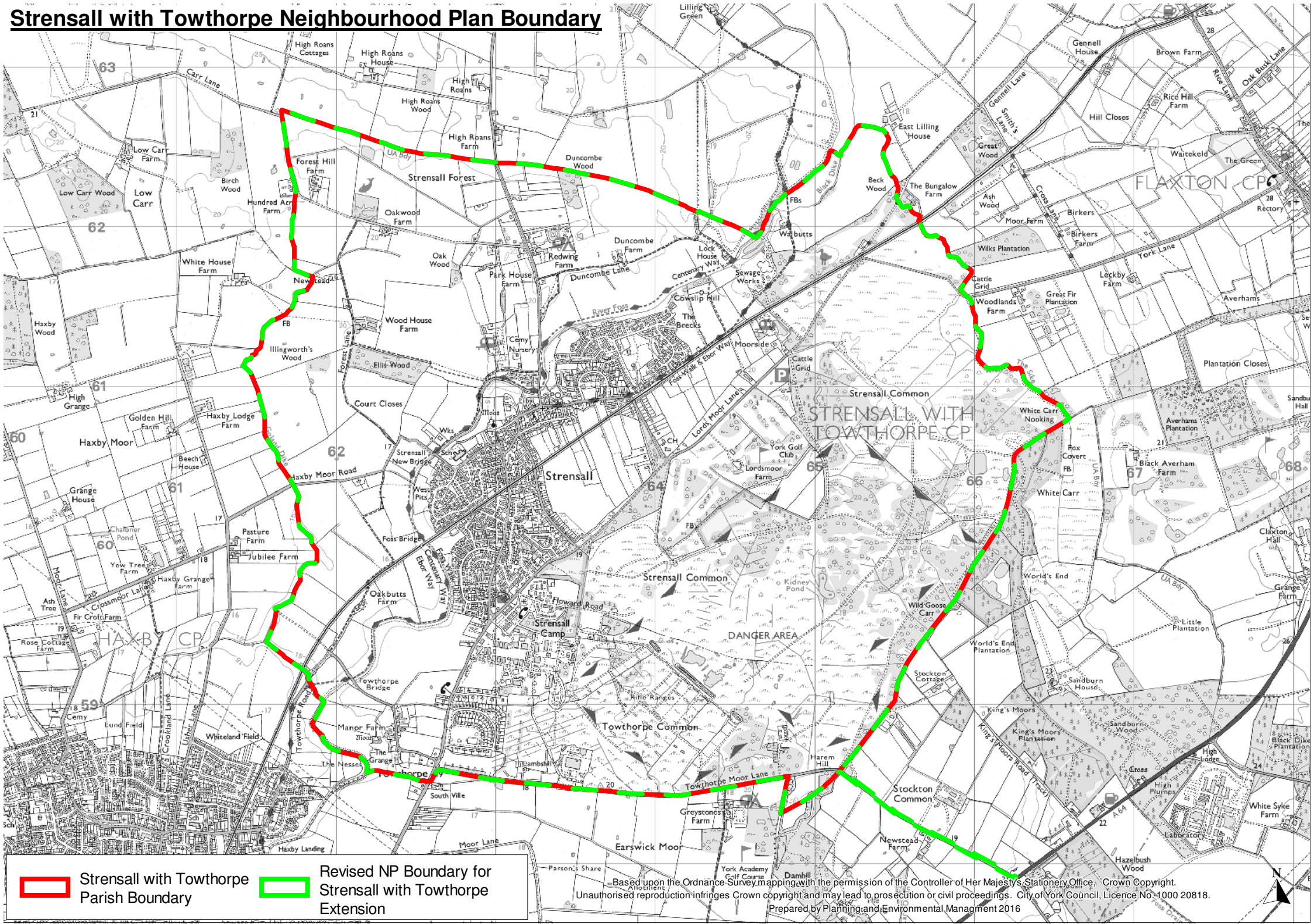
5. CONCLUSION

Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council looks forward to receiving formal designation of the revised Neighbourhood Plan area.

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T. Fisher
Chairman
Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council

Strensall with Towthorpe Neighbourhood Plan Boundary



▭ Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Boundary
▭ Revised NP Boundary for Strensall with Towthorpe Extension

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For your information

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Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 1:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: clerk-strensallpc@btconnect.com

Subject: Strensall with Towthorpe Neighbourhood Plan

Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your letter dated 15 February 2017, which was discussed at our meeting on 22 February 2017.

I can confirm that Parish Councillors unanimously approved your formal request to include a small part of this parish in your Neighbourhood Plan area, comprising the highway and verges of Towthorpe Moor Lane from the parish boundary to the A64 and a circle of 30 metres radius centred on the middle of the Hazelbush junction.

I trust you will find this all in order, however if you require anything further, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Parish Clerk
Stockton-on-the-Forest PC