

**Neighbourhood Plan Application** 

## Introduction

Terrington is an historic, attractive rural Parish which sits entirely within the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), covering an area of approximately 6 square miles, extending approximately 3 miles from north to south and similarly from west to east. The Parish is surrounded by picturesque farmland and undulating countryside with views of the distant North York Moors, Yorkshire Wolds and the Vale of York.

The Parish consists of Terrington village, along with the adjacent hamlet of Little Terrington, the nearby settlement of Ganthorpe to the east, the hamlet of Mowthorpe to the south east and the private estate of Wiganthorpe to the north. The surrounding picturesque, predominantly agricultural land, is punctuated by numerous farms and several rural businesses. There are some 245¹ households, with an estimated population in 2021² of 481 persons, and 19 Listed Buildings. The Castle Howard Estate owns land and houses across the Parish.

Terrington lies in the centre of the Parish, some 8 miles west of Malton and approximately 15 miles north of York and is an historic small village, mentioned four times in the Domesday Book. Originally a traditional linear village, with subsequent parallel 'back lanes' development, most of the village sits within a Conservation Area with several Visually Important Undeveloped Areas including the triangular village green known as 'The Plump'. The Main Street is at the heart of the village and runs from west to east with Back Lanes to the north and south. Located within Terrington village are a Church of England Primary School, Terrington Hall Preparatory School, Terrington Stores and Cafe, a Doctors Surgery with dispensary, a lavender farm and a small agricultural industrial site, as well as a bowling green and Village Hall with playing field, tennis court and childrens' playground. Beyond the Village Hall are the village Burial Ground and an adjacent private cemetery. Many of the village buildings are of local stone with red pantile roofs. There are also several listed buildings including All Saints Church, a Grade I Listed medieval building having 11th Century origins and numerous historical features.

Little Terrington consists of several residential dwellings situated to one side of the road to the west of Terrington.

Mowthorpe is made up of a number of residential dwellings, two farms and a livery yard with dog boarding and grooming to the south east of Terrington.

Ganthorpe, once its own civil parish, consists of several residential dwellings and farms, dominated by its Grade II Listed Hall with links to Castle Howard.

Wiganthorpe consists of around a dozen residential dwellings, including Wiganthorpe Hall which appears to have origins in or before the 16<sup>th</sup> Century having been mentioned in the Domesday Book. Today an extended wing of the Hall remains,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2011 Census figures

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2021 Census figures

along with outbuildings converted to housing, plus other dwellings and a restored Grade II Listed Ice House.

The Parish displays cultural treasures in every segment, whilst Terrington itself is regarded as a fine example of a typical North Riding Village with outstanding surrounding landscape and views, now safeguarded through the designated Conservation Area and the AONB management plan to which the Planning Authority have consistently, and strongly, aligned their long-term planning strategy.

The proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area of the Parish of Terrington is delineated by red edging on the plan at Appendix A.

## **Objective**

Following a number of public meetings, residents of the Parish have made it clear that they wish to see the preparation of a Terrington Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The development of such a plan is being facilitated by the Parish Council but is driven by members of the community.

Through the creation of the Plan the people who live in the Parish will have the opportunity to help shape future policies for land use, including the scale of any residential development within the Parish. There is particular concern for the quality of life throughout the five settlements that would be impacted by the increased traffic flows generated by any significant development. The narrow nature of many of the roads in the Parish could not sustain such increases, therefore one main objective is likely to be to call for an effective alignment between the Highway and the Planning Authorities.

Subject to passing the formal tests, we look forward to the Neighbourhood Plan becoming part of the local planning framework.

## Statement Explaining Why This Area Is Considered Appropriate to Be Designated as a Neighbourhood Area.

Of greatest importance in applying for a Neighbourhood Plan have been the public discussions on the subject which showed that the prevailing view was one of inclusivity for the whole Parish. The residents felt that no-one should be excluded and that the perceived benefits to the Parish from the execution of this Neighbourhood Plan should be enjoyed by all Parish residents and business occupiers.

Further, the Parish Council considers that the whole Parish is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area because it has meaningful and clear boundaries, reflects the existing local sense of community and is generally recognised as an existing, discrete entity.

We will seek to develop a Terrington Parish Neighbourhood Plan based on the following points:

- Development of the Plan will recognise and include the views, ambitions and needs of the whole of the local Parish community
- The Plan will inform, guide and promote balanced and sustainable future development by way of evolution of settlements within the Parish on a scale appropriate to the relevant settlement and surrounding landscape.
- The Plan will seek to preserve and protect the historic, physical and natural heritage and character of the Parish, ensuring that the envisioned evolution will safeguard these attributes and have full regard to them whilst supporting only proportionate appropriate development.
- The Plan will seek to impose on those undertaking any development the inclusion of any necessary improvements in infrastructure, directly or otherwise.

Once this initial application has been received and approved by the Local Authority, a full plan based around this submission will be formulated and finalised.

## Statement That The Organisation or Body Making the Area Application Is A Relevant Body

In accordance with Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 it is confirmed that the body making this application is Terrington Parish Council, established in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1972, and is therefore a relevant body.

The Parish Council will oversee the Plan preparation with the intention of submitting the completed Plan to the Local Planning Authority for their acceptance and then approval by the electorate.

Approved by Terrington Parish Council 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023