



Lvn Buckingham Chair of Centara

1st April 2015

Dear Mr Begley

Please find this as an application for Centara's designation as a neighbourhood planning Forum.

Statement for application of neighbourhood planning status

Centara is a neighbourhood association set up and supported by Corby Borough Council

Centara was set up with a number of aims which are outlined in its constitution and has been established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of the neighborhood area

Section 3 Aims of Centara states

3. Aims

- a) To improve the quality of life for all residents and those working in the area
- b) To promote and represent the interests, rights and views of all residents and those employed within the area in matters such as:
 - i. Community safety
 - ii. The quality of the local environment
 - iii. Housing issues
 - iv. Neighbourhood management
 - v. Planning and regeneration
 - vi. Ground maintenance, litter, recycling, waste collection and other Street Scene issues
 - vii. Car parking, highways and transport
 - viii. The provision of public amenities and recreational facilities to improve the area
 - ix. Encouraging and fostering a greater sense of community spirit within the area
 - x. Having a say in how the Borough Council spends local budgets in the area so that residents can influence decisions which affect their local area
 - xi. Consultation exercises undertaken by Corby Borough Council, or other agencies when requested
 - xii. To be an equal opportunities organisation
 - xiii. To be a non-party political organisation

Centara's membership is open to all as described within the constitution at section 5

5. Membership

- a) Membership of the Association shall be open to all persons aged eighteen or over, who live within the area the Association serves, and who accept all of the aims of the Association.
- b) All persons under the age of eighteen living in the area the Association serves and who accept all of the aims of the Association and wish to join the Association shall be Youth Members, who will be subject to such conditions as the Management Committee may decide.
- c) Where possible the Association shall set up a Youth Forum for those under the age of eighteen years of age.
- d) Two Youth Members who are under the age of eighteen years may be invited to sit on the Management Committee of the Association to take part in proceedings but will not have the right to a vote.
- e) The Management Committee may accept any person as an Associate Member of the Association who will have all of the privileges of membership, except the right to vote at meetings and the right to be elected as an Elected Officer or Management Committee member of the Association.
- f) The Association may accept a person as a Special Member of the Association if someone lives outside the area but has a strong local connection with the Association. Such a member will have all of the privileges of membership, including the right to vote at meetings and the right to be elected as an Elected Officer or Management Committee member of the Association and this will be decided on a case by case basis by the committee.
- g) An Elected member of Corby Borough Council is able to be an Associate Member of the association as long as he or she lives within the area of the Association.
- h) Elected members of Corby Borough Council cannot act as an Elected Officer or Management Committee member of the Association.
- i) Any existing Elected Officer, or Management Committee member standing as a candidate in parish, local government, or central government elections must resign from the Management Committee as soon as their candidature has been declared.
- j) All members of the Association may be required to pay a membership fee if so decided at an Annual General Meeting.
- k) All members of the Association can request a copy of the constitution and appendices from the Secretary of the Association or the Council's Tenant Participation Officer.

Centara has a written constitution (attached) and also a service level agreement with the Council.

Centara's membership has been drawn from different places in the area and from different sections of the community as can be seen by the attached list of members.

Centara has an open membership policy and invitations to attend bi-monthly meeting are delivered to every household in the area at least one week before the meetings setting out the date time and venue for the meeting and the proposed topics for discussion. There is also the ability to get in touch with me (the chair) if anyone would like to raise any issues for discussion which is widely publicised

The name of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum will remain as Centara

Lyn Buckingham Chair: will be the principal contact for the organisation details as above)

I also submit a number of documents to support this submission

1. Centara Constitution
2. List of 21 people in support of this submission
3. Supporting Flyers delivered to households within the central ward X 5
4. Application for designation of area
5. Map of proposed Centara Area

I remain yours sincerely



Lyn Buckingham (Miss)

Chair of Centara