

# WHITBURN NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

## Application for Redesignation Neighbourhood Area

### Statement explaining why this area is appropriate to be redesignated as a neighbourhood area

The area to be redesignated as a neighbourhood area is derived from the character area 'Whitburn' in South Tyneside's Strategic Land Review (March 2016). The character area is described as 'the village of Whitburn and its surrounding Green Belt areas, including those areas south of Marsden, east of Cleadon and north of Sunderland'. The Whitburn Neighbourhood Forum considers this an appropriate area as it encompasses not only Whitburn village, but also its setting, which gives Whitburn its unique character in South Tyneside and separates it from South Shields, Cleadon and Sunderland.

To the north, the neighbourhood area boundary includes the South Shields Golf Club and coastal zone up to the roundabout between the A183 and A1300, but excludes the built-up area of Marsden in South Shields. It also shares this border with Lower Super Output Area 018C. To the west, the boundary runs along field boundaries halfway between Whitburn and Cleadon, which form the Green Belt separating these two villages. In the southwest, the boundary runs along Moor Lane and Sunderland Road and therefore includes the Green Belt up to Sunderland Road as well as the Academy of Light. To the south, the neighbourhood area follows the boundary with Sunderland. To the east, the boundary runs naturally along the coastline.

### Statement that the organisation or body making the redesignation is a 'relevant body' for carrying out neighbourhood planning

At the time of this application for redesignation, the Forum has 252 members. Of these members one is Leader of South Tyneside Council and Labour Ward Councillor for Whitburn and Marsden Ward.

The forum wishes the area to be redesignated when the areas original designation automatically ceases to have effect five years after the date of designation. (20<sup>th</sup> January 2022). The reasons for resignation are:

- To continue receiving formal notification as the draft plan progresses, and to promote its adoption at referendum.
- Post adoption, to be formally notified of planning applications within the neighbourhood area.
- In the much longer term, to initiate any modification(s) to the neighbourhood plan that might be needed.

