

Brief Statement re: Application for Marton East Neighbourhood Area Status:

In applying for Marton East Neighbourhood Area status, this enables the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan, in order to promote the economic, social, health and environmental wellbeing of the community in Marton East. It will also encourage openness and transparency amongst statutory agencies.

Marton East is a growing community with plans for housing development in the north and east of the area. The creation of a Neighbourhood Plan will help to ensure that the nature of such development is influenced by the wishes of local people. In addition, the financial benefits of such development need to be invested in the area in a way which accords with the wishes of local people and this is best achieved using a Neighbourhood Plan.

An issue of concern to local people is that the nature of any development is sustainable. In this respect, there is a desire to ensure that the area retains as much as possible of its green open spaces. The nature of the proposed housing development will need to cater for different housing needs and as such to include both executive and affordable housing, as well as housing for elderly people.

We feel that all of the above can be best ensured by the use of a Neighbourhood Plan to involve local people in the development process. In addition, local people may bring in new ideas which could enhance the development of the area.