

Neighbourhood Plan Area Application

By Alderminster Parish Council

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1 The purpose of this document is to apply to Stratford-on-Avon District Council for designation of a neighbourhood plan area, in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The application is made by Alderminster Parish Council.

2. Background

An open forum meeting was convened in Alderminster on 20th April 2016 by the Parish Council, with the purpose of consulting residents on the prospect of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. The meeting was attended by over 45 people who were overwhelmingly in favour of proceeding with this initiative. At the subsequent Parish Council meeting held on 18th May, it was resolved by Councillors to proceed with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

A Steering Committee has been set up, comprising residents and local Councillors, with the purpose of managing the task of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of the Parish Council, who will remain the qualifying body. The Area of Designation for Alderminster is proposed to be consistent with the existing Parish boundary.

The name of the proposed Plan has been agreed to be "Alderminster and Goldicote Neighbourhood Plan". The intention is that this Plan will be produced in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act, the National Planning Policy Framework, and the emerging Core Strategy for the District.

3. The Application

Regulation 5 requires the submission of the following to the local planning authority: (a) a map which identifies the area to which the application relates;

(b) a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and (c) a statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purpose of Section 61(G)2 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

3.1 The proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area

A map of the proposed area is shown in Appendix 1

3.2 Appropriateness of Neighbourhood Plan Area of Designation

At the Parish Council meeting held on 18th May 2016 it was agreed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan that covered the entire administrative area of the Parish without extension to incorporate adjacent Parishes.

3.3 Relevant Body

Under Section 61G(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a relevant body is defined as a Parish Council or an organisation or body which is, or is capable of being, designated a Neighbourhood Forum. This application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area is submitted by Alderminster Parish Council, which is a relevant body for the purposes of this matter and therefore authorised under Section 61G(2).

4. Conclusion

Alderminster Parish Council formally requests that Stratford-on-Avon District Council acknowledge the intention to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Alderminster Parish, and confirm agreement to the existing Parish boundary being designated as the area that this proposed Plan will cover.

It is requested that the District Council, as the local planning authority, publicise this application in accordance with Regulation 6, this being for a required six week period.

The Parish Council confirms that no previous applications have been made for designation of the neighbourhood area for Alderminster.