

LOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Mr D Nash
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23 December 2015

Dear Mr Nash,

Application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area

On 26 October 2015, Loxley Parish Council resolved to apply for the designation of a neighbourhood area in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The formal application to Stratford-on-Avon District Council for this designation is appended to this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Robert D Armstrong
Clerk to the Parish Council

Application or Designation of a Neighbourhood Area by Loxley Parish Council

Submitted by: Robert D Armstrong, Clerk to the Parish Council,

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Prepared by Loxley Parish Council

1. Introduction

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

This application is made by Loxley Parish Council.

2. Background

In the summer of 2015, on the direction of the Parish Council, a leaflet was delivered to every household within the parish of Loxley inviting expressions of interest in support of the development of a neighbourhood plan for the parish. An initial meeting of those interested in the proposal took place at which several households from the parish were represented. The proposal to develop a neighbourhood plan was met with unanimous approval by those at the meeting and a representative steering group consisting of ten local residents with a range of skills and experience was formed. This group works under the direction of the Parish Council which remains the qualifying body.

This steering group has to date met four times. To support the group with some initial advice and guidance, a representative from the steering group of a neighbouring area, already well under way with developing a plan, and the Neighbourhood Planning Officer at Stratford District Council were invited to attend the early meetings. Currently the steering group is in the process of raising awareness of its plans to produce a neighbourhood plan by leafleting every householder and stakeholder in the parish as well as by placing advertisements in the local newsletter. The steering group is also organising a public meeting in Loxley on the 22nd February 2016 to provide an opportunity for all residents and stakeholders to have a say in the plan's development.

On the basis of the support shown so far by the local community for developing a neighbourhood plan, the Parish Council resolved at its meeting on the 26th October 2015 to seek formal designation from Stratford-on-Avon District Council for developing a neighbourhood plan for the whole of Loxley.

3. The Application

The area designation for the Parish of Loxley is proposed to be consistent with the existing parish boundary. The proposed name of the Plan will be the *Loxley Neighbourhood Plan*. The intention is that this Plan will accord with the provisions of the Localism Act, the National Planning Policy Framework, saved policies of the current Local Plan and the emerging Core Strategy for the District.

A map showing the area delineated by the parish boundary for Loxley, which is the area to which this application relates, is appended to this application. The area covered by this application is the whole of the parish and does not intrude into any adjoining parish. We consider this boundary in its entirety to be appropriate to define the neighbourhood area.

It is recognised that there will be a need to consult with adjacent parishes on appropriate matters where there is a mutual interest, but it is not intended to include any part of neighbouring parishes in the defined area.

This application for designation of a neighbourhood area is submitted by Loxley Parish Council, which is a relevant body for the purposes of this matter and is defined as such under Section 61G (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

4. Conclusion

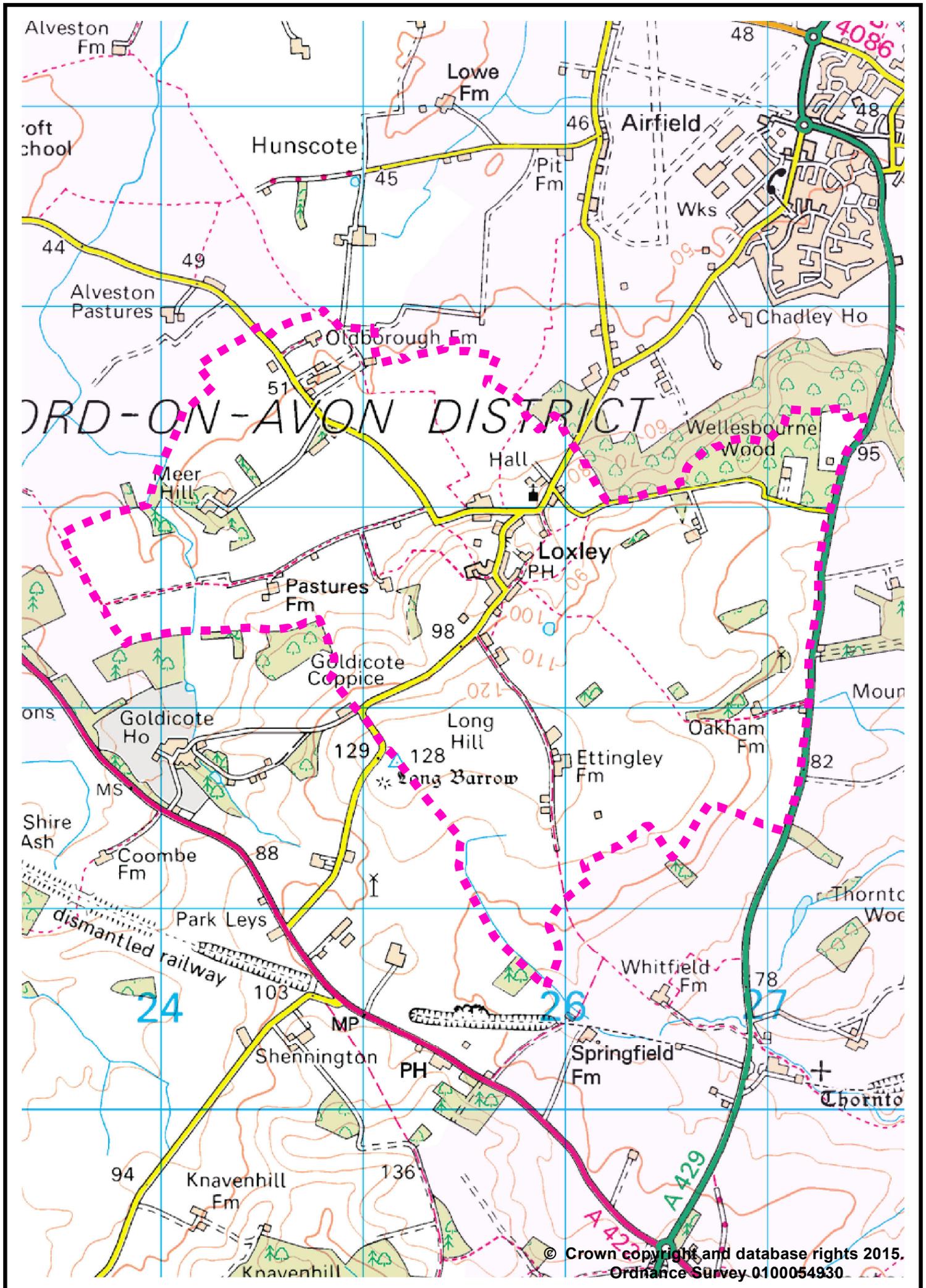
Loxley Parish Council formally request that Stratford-on-Avon District Council acknowledges the intention of Loxley Parish Council to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Loxley Parish and confirms its agreement to the existing parish boundary being designated as the area that this proposed plan will cover.

It is requested that Stratford-on-Avon District Council, as the local planning authority, publicises this application in accordance with Regulation 6, for a period not less than six weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised.

Loxley Parish Council confirms that no previous application has been made for designation of the neighbourhood area for Loxley.

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