

Neighbourhood Plan Area Application

By Wellesbourne & Walton Parish Council

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1. Introduction

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 Wellesbourne & Walton Parish Council.

2. Background

An open forum meeting was convened in Wellesbourne on 15th January by the Parish Council, with the purpose of consulting residents on the prospect of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Wellesbourne & Walton. The meeting was attended by over 100 people who voted overwhelmingly in favour of proceeding with this initiative. At the subsequent Parish Council meeting held on 4th February, 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. An opportunity was considered for an existing research establishment within the adjacent Parish of Charlecote to be included within the Area of Designation. However, the Parish Meeting of Charlecote has declined to take up this option. Accordingly, the Area of Designation for Wellesbourne and Walton is proposed to be consistent with the existing Parish boundary.

The name of the proposed Plan has been agreed to be "Walton and Wellesbourne Way". 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 1st April it was agreed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan that covered the entire administrative area of the Parish without extension to incorporate adjacent Parishes.

However, the Parish Council recognised that Wellesbourne does provide services and amenities that are used by residents within adjacent Parishes. Accordingly, the Steering Committee have been instructed to ensure that the views and wishes of people from surrounding areas are taken into consideration as part of the wide consultation process that will form the basis for the preparation of a Neighbourhood plan.

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 Wellesbourne & Walton Parish Council, which is a relevant body for the purposes of this matter and therefore authorised under Section 61G(2).

4. Conclusion

Wellesbourne & Walton Parish Council formally requests that Stratford-on-Avon District Council acknowledge the intention to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Wellesbourne & Walton 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 Wellesbourne & Walton.

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