



Neighbourhood Area Application

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to apply to Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SoADC) for designation of a neighbourhood area in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012¹.

This application is made by Shipston on Stour Town Council (STC).

1.1 Background

STC undertook a launch event for the Neighbourhood Plan process on 24 October 2012. The event consisted of a short presentation about Neighbourhood Plans: what is involved, the formalities, and the potential benefits. The event was held to ask the community if they thought preparing a Neighbourhood Plan was worthwhile, and to identify locally important concerns and issues.

The launch event was attended by about 80 people. There was overall a positive reaction to the opportunity for a Neighbourhood Plan.

At the STC meeting held on Monday 12th November 2012 it was resolved to progress with the creation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for its area. A steering group for the progression of this plan has been established. The proposed plan will guide development in the proposed designated area in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act, the National Planning Policy Framework, and SoADC's emerging Core Strategy.

2. 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 area application relates;

(b) a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and

¹ SI 2012 no. 637.

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(c) a statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

2.1 The proposed neighbourhood plan area

A map of the proposed area is given as Annex A.

2.2 Appropriateness of neighbourhood plan area designation

At its meeting on 12th November STC discussed the proposed boundary, and concluded that it was appropriate and practical to develop the neighbourhood plan for the town council's entire administrative area and without seeking to create a neighbourhood plan in conjunction with adjoining parishes councils.

It is recognised that there is a clear need to relate to adjoining and nearby parishes as Shipston is a services centre for quite a large surrounding rural area. The intention is to use the outputs from the recently concluded 'Stour Vision' project as a baseline for the wider area engagement, and to liaise as needed with adjacent parishes such as Brailes and Long Compton who may develop their own Neighbourhood Plans.

The intention is to consider the town and its wider area connections, and include them in the neighbourhood plan, but not literally include them in the defined area.

2.3 Relevant body

Under Section 61G 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 Shipston on Stour Town Council, which as a Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of this matter and is therefore authorised under Section 61G (2).

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3. Conclusion

The town council formally request that Stratford-on-Avon District Council acknowledge the intention to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Shipston, and confirm agreement to the area that this proposed neighbourhood plan will cover.

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

The town council confirms that no previous application(s) have been made for designation of the neighbourhood area for Shipston on Stour.

20th December 2012

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