

Neighbourhood Plan Area Application By Welford-on-Avon Parish Council

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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 plan area in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

This application is made by Welford-on-Avon Parish Council (WoAPC).

2. Background

WoAPC undertook a Big Society Sunday event at which the Neighbourhood Plan process was discussed with members of the village. 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 110 people. There was overall a positive reaction to the opportunity for a Neighbourhood Plan and a number of villagers volunteered to be part of the development process.

At the WoAPC meeting held on Tuesday 6th 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.

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 area 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 purposes of section 61G(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 given as Appendix 1

3.2 Appropriateness of neighbourhood plan area designation

WoAPC discussed the proposed boundary, and concluded that it was appropriate and practical to develop the neighbourhood plan for the Parish Council's entire administrative area and without seeking to create a neighbourhood plan in conjunction with adjoining Parish Councils.

The area marked in green on the attached plan (Appendix 1) is recommended to be included with the Neighbourhood plan area because of its proximity to the village and as

part of the Stratford-on-Avon District Area Community Governance (Parish) Review Consultation this area is recommended by the Elections Reference Group for inclusion in the parish of Welford-on-Avon.

3.3 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 Welford-on-Avon Parish Council, which as a Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of this matter and is therefore authorised under Section 61G (2).

4. Conclusion

Welford-on-Avon Parish Council formally requests that Stratford-on-Avon District Council acknowledge the intention to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Welford-on-Avon Parish including the area marked in green on Appendix 1, 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 Parish Council confirms that no previous application(s) have been made for designation of the neighbourhood area for Welford-on-Avon.