

Neighbourhood Development Plan Area Application

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 Napton Parish Council.

2. Background

Napton Parish Council has consulted residents on the prospect of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the village. A speaker from Wellesbourne was invited to share his experience of the process and a Planning consultant gave an initial presentation on the process. The overall response was positive and it was agreed to proceed with the preparation of a plan

A Steering Committee has been set up, comprising residents and local Councillors, with the purpose of managing the task of preparing the Plan on behalf of the Parish Council, who will remain the qualifying body.

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 3rd April 2017 it was agreed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan that covered the administrative area of the Parish. This includes the nucleus of the village plus the outlying dwellings at Tomlow and Chapel Green.

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

4. Conclusion

Napton on the Hill Parish Council, formally requests that Stratford-on-Avon District Council acknowledge the intention to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the village, and to 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 Napton on the Hill