

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Title</b>	BROUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION		

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform Members of the consultation on the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation and to ask Members to designate the Parish of Broughton as the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan Area.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Planning is part of the Government's initiative to empower local communities to take forward planning proposals at a local level. This is outlined in Section 116 of the Localism Act. Neighbourhood Plans, once made, will form part of the Development Plan.
- 2.2 The Localism Act requires that Neighbourhood Plans are in "general conformity with the strategic policies in the local development plan". Neighbourhood Plans will therefore need to be in general conformity with the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy and any subsequent review. Neighbourhood Plans also need to have regard to national policy and be compatible with EU and human rights obligations.
- 2.3 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 came into force on 6 April 2012. The regulations require that when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan the relevant body apply to the local planning authority to designate the Neighbourhood Plan Area.
- 2.4 Section 5(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires that an application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area is made by a relevant body. The definition of a relevant body is set out in section 61G(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as:
- a parish council or
  - an organisation or body which is, or is capable of being, designated as a neighbourhood forum (on the assumption that, for this purpose, the specified area is designated as a neighbourhood area).
- 2.5 Broughton Parish Council is the elected parish council for Broughton and is therefore the relevant body for the Broughton Parish area.

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- 2.6 Broughton Parish Council submitted an application to designate the Parish of Broughton as the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan Area. A map showing the area is attached at Appendix A.
- 2.7 The Neighbourhood Plan (General) Regulations 2012 require local authorities to consult people who live, work or carry out business in the area to which the area application relate for a period of at least 6 weeks. This consultation took place from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 until 5.30 pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The consultation was advertised on the Borough Council website, through a statutory notice in the paper and through notices placed around Broughton. All adjoining Parishes were consulted including those outside of Kettering Borough.
- 2.8 One comment in support of the Neighbourhood Area Designation was made by an individual, as summarised below:
- The area inclusive of the whole Parish is appropriate as future development will occur by necessity outside of the existing built village boundary
- 2.9 When considering the proposed area the Localism Act requires that the specified area:
- (a) in the case of an application by a parish council, must be one that consists of or includes the whole or any part of the area of the council, and
  - (b) in the case of an application by an organisation or body, must not be one that consists of or includes the whole or any part of the area of a parish council.
- 2.10 Local Authorities need to consider how desirable it is to designate the whole of the parish area as a neighbourhood area and how desirable it is to maintain the existing areas already designated as neighbourhood areas.
- 2.11 The Broughton Parish area covers the full extent of the administrative area of Broughton Parish Council. Designation of the parish area will enable the Neighbourhood Plan to include policies for the urban and rural areas of the parish and will allow the preparation of a comprehensive Neighbourhood Plan. It is therefore appropriate that the Broughton Parish area is the area designated as the Neighbourhood Plan Area. Designation of this area would not impact on the ability of surrounding parishes or Neighbourhood Forums to designate neighbourhood plan areas.
- 2.12 Local Authorities are also required to consider whether they should designate the area as a business area. If the Council considers that the area is wholly or predominantly business in nature it should be designated as a business area. This is not considered to be the case for the Broughton Parish area and therefore it is not considered appropriate to designate the area as a business area.

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### **3. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 Once adopted the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory Development Plan. It will need to be in conformity with strategic policies in the local development plan and have regard to national policy. It will also need to be compatible with EU and human rights obligations.

### **4. FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Borough Council will be able to apply to Central Government for £5,000 once the Neighbourhood Plan Area has been designated.

### **5. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Members note the consultation on the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan Area and designate the Parish of Broughton, as shown in Appendix A, as the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Background Papers:

**Title of Document:**

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