

SHEEPY PARISH COUNCIL

THE VILLAGES OF

Sheepy Magna, Sheepy Parva, Sibson, Wellsborough, Upton, Pinwall and Cross Hands

Application for designation of a neighbourhood area

Sheepy Parish Council hereby formally applies for the designation of the Neighbourhood Area as required by Part 2 Paragraph 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

APPLICATION AREA

The application area shown on the attached map is the boundary of the Parish of Sheepy and is the area to which this application relates.

APPROPRIATE AREA STATEMENT

Sheepy Parish Council operates within the confines of the Sheepy Parish boundaries shown on the attached map. It comprises the villages of Sheepy Magna, Sheepy Parva, Sibson, Wellsborough, Upton, Pinwall, Cross Hands and their surrounding areas. It is a rural area of around 450 homes located in the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Area of Leicestershire.

The area is considered as being appropriate to be designated as 'The Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Area' as it is a long established, well recognised and clearly defined area coterminous with the Parish boundaries. The extent of the area is wholly within the jurisdiction of, and administered by, Sheepy Parish Council a democratically elected body, representing the entire local community.

Designation of the area will provide clarity with neighbouring parishes, County, Borough and Parish Councillors and residents as to where responsibilities start and finish.

Sheepy Parish Council aims to create a Neighbourhood Plan, with the involvement of key local interest groups and residents. Consultation with the community will generate evidence which will ensure that through Planning Guidance the Parish of Sheepy can develop in such a manner as to protect the area's heritage, maintain its character and provide for future infrastructure, housing and employment needs for a viable and sustainable outlook.

In applying for designated area status the key essential aims of the resultant Neighbourhood Plan will be to:

- Preserve the character of Sheepy Parish

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- Retain a distinct community, protect and cherish existing natural and physical heritage
- Meet defined housing needs in line with national policy and local strategic planning policy
- Meet defined employment needs to ensure availability of sites for adequate local employment opportunities
- Ensure that growth is fused with required infrastructure improvements
- Facilitate the needs of residents in the areas of education, health, leisure and transport
- Retain, protect and increase green spaces, public rights of way and recreation facilities.

QUALIFYING BODY STATEMENT

Sheepy Parish Council, the organisation applying for designated area status for the purpose of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Sheepy Parish, is adjudged to be a 'Relevant/Qualifying Body' (specified in Section 61G of the 1990 Act) in making an application for the area delineated by the parish boundaries of Sheepy.