

Application by Higham-on-the-Hill Parish Council

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

As amended by the Localism Act, 2011, Sch9, Part 1

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012-part 2(5)

Application for designation of a neighbourhood area

Higham-on-the-Hill 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 Higham-on-the-Hill and is the area to which this application relates, with the exception of a small area to the east of the Parish which is included in the Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Area.

APPROPRIATE AREA STATEMENT

Higham-on-the-Hill Parish Council operates within the confines of the Higham-on-the-Hill Parish boundaries. It is a rural area of around 335 homes located in the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Area of Leicestershire.

The area is considered as being appropriate to be designated as 'The Higham-on-the-Hill Neighbourhood Area' as it is a long established, well recognised and clearly defined area coterminous with the Parish boundaries with the exception of the area mentioned above. The extent of the area is administered by Higham-on-the-Hill 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.

Higham-on-the-Hill 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 Higham-on-the-Hill 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 Higham-on-the-Hill Parish
- 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

Higham-on-the-Hill Parish Council, the organisation applying for designated area status for the purpose of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Higham-on-the-Hill 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 Higham-on-the-Hill.