

Neighbourhood Plan Area Application By Grandborough Parish Council

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to apply to Rugby Borough Council for designation of a neighbourhood plan area, in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, and to acknowledge the intention to produce a Neighbourhood Plan . The application is made by the Grandborough Parish Council.

Background

In the course of open Forum meetings in Grandborough Village Hall to discuss the Draft Local Plan being proposed by Rugby Borough Council, it was suggested that a Neighbourhood Plan for Grandborough should be produced. The proposal was supported unanimously by those in attendance. Subsequently Parish Councillors attended a Neighbourhood Plan briefing meeting, and at their meeting on 11th July 2017 agreed to set up an open meeting for Parishioners to receive a similar briefing, and to gauge the level of public support.

The open meeting was held on September 4th, and attended by about 60 parishioners. There was unanimous support for the proposal that the Parish Council should develop a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council resolved at its meeting on September 5th to develop such a plan, and set up a working group of Councillors and Parishioners to run the project. The Working Group has the purpose of managing the task of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of the Parish Council, who will remain the qualifying body.

The working group recommended that further soundings be taken in the southern area of the Parish, which is somewhat away from the main settlements. All premises in the southern area were canvassed on 2nd or 3rd December and found to be generally in favour of a Plan covering the whole Parish. The Parish Council, having been informed of this outcome, resolved to go ahead with an application covering the whole Parish.

The proposed name of the Plan is the Grandborough Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan Area proposed is consistent with the boundary of Grandborough Civil Parish. The intention is that this Plan will be produced in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act, the National Planning Policy Framework, and the Core Strategy for the Borough.

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).

The proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area

A map of the proposed area is shown in Appendix 1.

Appropriateness of Neighbourhood Plan Area of Designation

In light of the unanimous support of about 60 electors at the 4th September meeting, and given the findings of the specific canvassing of southern area electors, the Parish Council agreed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan that covered the entire administrative area of the Civil Parish.

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

Conclusion

Grandborough Parish Council formally requests that Rugby Borough Council acknowledge the intention to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Grandborough Parish, and confirm agreement to the existing Civil Parish boundary being designated as the area that this proposed Plan will cover.

It is requested that the Borough Council, as the local planning authority, publicise this application in accordance with Regulation 6.

The Parish Council confirms that no previous applications have been made for designation of the neighbourhood area for Grandborough.

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