



Designation of Neighbourhood Area for West Dereham

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Section 61G Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Regulations 5 & 6

West Dereham Parish Council applied to the Borough Council on 03/05/16 for the whole of the parish to be designated a neighbourhood area. This would allow the Parish Council to prepare a neighbourhood plan for the area. As required by the regulations, the application was published and advertised. A period of 6 weeks was provided for comments on the application.

The application was advertised:

- On the Borough Council's website
- Posters were produced and made accessible at the borough councils offices in King's Lynn and Downham Market. The posters were also displayed on West Dereham Parish Council noticeboard and provided to the Parish Council to display in other locations in and around the village.
- Direct notifications were sent to a list of statutory consultees whom had previously expressed an interest, or commented on the Local Plan and to organisations with an interest in the local area.
- Direct notifications were sent to neighbouring district and parish councils
- Direct notifications were sent to ward members for the parish.

The consultation was open from 16 May 2016 until 27 June 2016. A total of five representations were received. Five representations were received from organisations with an interest in the Local Plan and neighbourhood plans. Norfolk County Council and Anglian Water did not object to the application. Sport England and Natural England provided further general supporting guidance for the qualifying body. Historic England provided guidance regarding designated historic assets in the village and the consideration of the historic environment in Neighbourhood Plans.

In summary, there were no objections to the proposed neighbourhood area. Most consultees had no specific comment, either noting support or no objections, providing general advice or stating that they would like the opportunity to comment on the neighbourhood plan, if produced.

In determining the application, the Borough Council has considered the desirability of designating the whole of the parish as a neighbourhood area, and the desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas. There are no other neighbourhood areas in the vicinity and therefore there is no conflict with neighbouring parishes. No reasons were identified why a different area should be designated than that applied for. Therefore the Borough Council decided the whole of the Parish of West Dereham should be designated a Neighbourhood Area with effect from today.

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Executive Director

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Date