Neighbourhood Area Designation: Castle Acre

An application for designation of a neighbourhood area was received from Castle Acre Parish Council by the Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk on 25 November 2016.

In accordance with regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended King’s Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council is satisfied that the application includes:

a. a map which identifies the area to which the application relates;
b. a statement explaining why the 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 purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act.

In accordance with regulation 5A of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) regulations 2012 as amended this application is:

a. from a parish council;
b. the area specified in the application consists of the whole of the parish council’s area; and

c. no part of the specified area is part of a pre-existing neighbourhood area

Therefore, as set out in regulation 5A (3), regulations 6 and 6A do not apply. As such, in accordance with regulations 5A (2) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended, Castle Acre Parish is hereby designated as a neighbourhood area.

In addition the application was published and advertised for a period eight weeks (12 Dec 2016 – 6 Feb 2017), allowing for the Christmas Holiday. The application was advertised:

- on the Borough Council’s website and in the local press;
- posters were produced and displayed at the borough council offices in King’s Lynn, and were provided to the parish council for display locally; and
- direct notifications were sent to statutory consultees, neighbouring districts, parish councils and Councillors (Borough, Ward and County).

A total of five representations were received. Norfolk County Council had no objection to the application. Sport England and Natural England provided general advice and information. Historic England provided specific advice on historical assets in the locality to help inform the plan making process. Savills on behalf of the Holkham Estate supported the area application and provided information with regard to their land assets to assist in plan formation. There were no objections to the proposed neighbourhood area.

Executive Director  
08/12/2017  
Date