

Designation of Neighbourhood Area for Downham Market Town

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

Downham Market Town Council applied to the Borough Council on 09/11/15 for the whole of the town to be designated a neighbourhood area. This would allow the Town Council to prepare a neighbourhood plan for the area. As required by the Regulations, the application was published and advertised, and a period of 7 weeks 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 Downham Market Town Council noticeboard and provided to the Parish Council to display in other locations in and around the town
- 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 county, district and parish councils
- Direct notifications were sent to ward members in Downham Market
- An advert was placed in 'Your Local Paper' by the Borough Council to publicise the consultation on Friday 4th December 2015

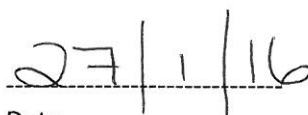
The consultation was open from 7 December 2015 until 25 January 2016. Six representations were received from organisations with an interest in the Local Plan and neighbourhood plans. One comment was received from a member of the public, concerning matters unrelated to the proposed neighbourhood area.

There were no objections to the proposed neighbourhood area. Most consultees had no specific comment, either providing general advice or stating that they would like the opportunity to comment on the neighbourhood plan, if produced. Historic England provided specific advice on historical assets in the town to help inform the plan making process. Stoke Ferry Internal Drainage Board provided information regarding the impact of new development on the drainage network.

In determining the application, the Borough Council has considered the desirability of designating the whole of the town as a neighbourhood area, and the desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas. The application was for the whole town, and there are no existing neighbourhood areas in the vicinity. No reasons were identified why a different area should be designated than that applied for. Therefore the Council decided the whole of the town of Downham Market should be designated a Neighbourhood Area with effect from today.



Executive Director



Date