

PARISHES: HOW TO BECOME A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING AREA

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If you are an existing parish council you can seek to be designated as a neighbourhood planning area.

Applying for designation as a neighbourhood planning area for parishes is fairly straightforward.

Your application is made to your local planning authority. When applying your application must include:

- a map identifying the area to which your application relates—this could be the whole or part of your parish. It could be a joint application with other parishes, or it could include part of another parish. If it does your application must have that parishes backing;
- your application also needs to be accompanied by a statement setting out why you consider the area you have chosen is an appropriate area within which to prepare a neighbour-



Take charge of the planning of your parish

hood plan ; and finally

- you must include a statement that the organisation on which you are making the application is a “relevant body” to prepare a neighbourhood plan.

If you are an existing parish then under the terms of the Localism Act you are a “relevant body”.

What happens after submitting an application?

As soon as receiving an application from your parish council your local planning authority must publicise your application on their web site, and in other appropriate ways. They must also tell people who live in the

area, and businesses, how they can make representations on your application. The period for making representations must last at least six weeks.

After the consultation period, the local planning authority then have to decide whether to designate the area you have identified as a neighbourhood planning area, or not. In both cases this decision has to be publicised.

If this guide raises on questions on how to go about seeking a designation for your parish, or you need help preparing your application call Michael Wellock on:

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