

REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENTAL & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 10
DATE OF MEETING:	21 SEPTEMBER 2023	CATEGORY: (See Notes) DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (SERVICE DELIVERY)	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	DESIGNATION OF FINDERN NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	WILLINGTON AND FINDERN	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. Recommendations

1.1. That the Committee formally designates the Findern Neighbourhood Area in accordance with the application from Findern Parish Council.

2. Purpose of the Report

2.1 To draw the Committee's attention to the requirements placed upon the Council within the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) regarding the need to designate the Findern Neighbourhood Area to enable Findern Parish Council to proceed with preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the area.

3. Detail

3.1 On 19th July 2023 date the Council received an application from Findern Parish Council for the whole of Findern Parish (identified on the map at Appendix A) to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) where the Council receives such an application it must exercise its powers under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to designate the specified area as a neighbourhood area.

3.2 The designation of the Neighbourhood Area means that the community can proceed with the production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan. There is clear logic for Findern Parish Council to prepare a neighbourhood plan for its own parished area.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There is no direct financial implication for the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 There is a requirement for the Local Planning Authority to formally designate Neighbourhood Areas if certain conditions set out in the Regulations are met. These conditions have been met (most significantly the Parish Council preparing a plan for its own parish) and this designation will ensure that the Council is in compliance with its duties.

6. Community Impact

6.1 Local communities are not able to progress with a Neighbourhood Development Plan unless the identified Neighbourhood Area has been formally designated. Findern Parish Council has identified a desire to pursue this course of action supported by community volunteers who have already been identified. Designation will enable the community to exercise its rights established within the Localism Act. The designation of the Neighbourhood Area will enable the community of Findern to continue the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

7. Conclusions

7.1 The Findern Neighbourhood Area should be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

8. Background Papers

8.1 Appendix A – Map of area to be designated.

8.2 Appendix B – Application from Findern Parish Council.