

REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENTAL & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
DATE OF MEETING:	4th JUNE 2015	CATEGORY: DELEGATED OPEN
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & PLANNING	
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SUBJECT:	DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	REPTON	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS07

1.0 Recommendations

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

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To draw members attention to the requirements placed upon the Council within the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) re supporting the Neighbourhood Planning process and specifically the need to designate the Repton Neighbourhood Area to enable this process.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) the Council has a statutory duty to assist communities in the development of Neighbourhood Development Plans. Within this it is necessary for the Council as Local Planning Authority to consider the designation of Neighbourhood Areas.

3.2 In order for a community to proceed with the production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan the specific neighbourhood needs to be identified and designated.

3.3 The application to South Derbyshire District Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area from Repton Parish Council under Regulation 5 has been publicised on the Council's website and via public notice within the parish of Repton for the appropriate 6 week period as identified by regulation 6. A map of the area and the application form are provided as appendices A and B.

3.4 Any representation about the application needed to be made to the Council by 5pm on 9th April 2015. No representation was received.

3.5 There are no planning reasons why the area should not be designated and this report identifies that, with regard to the area identified within the map at appendix A:

- Repton Parish Council is an appropriate body to make the application.
- The area applied for is an appropriate area and
- The application has been publicised appropriately via the Council's website and public display in Repton.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The District is eligible for grant support from the Department for Communities and Local Government to cover costs associated with supporting communities undertaking neighbourhood development plans.
- 4.2 At the Finance & Management Committee of 23rd April 2015 it was agreed that the District make a grant, equivalent to the element relating specifically to the designation of a neighbourhood area, to parish councils undertaking neighbourhood planning.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 There is a requirement for the Local Planning Authority to formally designate Neighbourhood Areas if certain conditions are met. These conditions have been met and this designation will ensure that the Council is in compliance with its duties.

6.0 Community Implications

- 5.1 Local communities are not able to progress with a Neighbourhood Development Plan unless the identified area has been formally designated. Repton 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 Bill.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The appropriate regulations have been followed and there is no reason to not designate a Neighbourhood Area.

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1 Appendix A – Map of area to be designated.
Appendix B – Application from Repton Parish Council.