

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING OFFICER DECISION

DECISION REQUIRED *(please tick one box)*

Designate a Neighbourhood Forum		Agree comments on a pre-submission plan	
Designate a Neighbourhood Area	X	Agree comments on a submitted plan	
Whether to accept and publicise a Submitted Plan		Agree the appointment of an Examiner	
Whether to decline or accept a repeat proposal		Agree actions to take following an Examiner's report	
Whether to modify a Plan or Order			

LOCATION/ PARISH	Lavendon
DATE RECEIVED	31 August, 2017
DEADLINE FOR DECISION <i>(where Regs require this)</i>	Asap
LEAD OFFICER	Jon Wellstead / Diane Webber

ISSUES/COMMENTS *(including details of any consultations undertaken and any comments received)*

Lavendon Parish Council has decided to proceed with preparation of neighbourhood plan and wishes to designate its whole parish area as the neighbourhood area for that purpose. The parish council had been contemplating a joint neighbourhood plan with adjoining parish meetings at Warrington and Cold Brayfield, but due to the added complexities and lack of resources from the parish meetings has now decided to prepare its own plan.

Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016, there is no longer a requirement to publicise area designation applications if the area specified in the application encompasses the entire Parish area. In such cases, the Regulations state that designations must be made as soon as possible, once the Authority is satisfied that the application is valid and complete. This is the case with the Lavendon Parish Council application.

When determining an area application, the Council is required to consider how desirable it is to designate the whole of the Parish Area as a Neighbourhood Area; to maintain the existing boundaries of areas already designated as Neighbourhood Areas; and to consider whether it is appropriate to designate the area as a business area in accordance with Section 61G and H of the Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) 1990.

Officers are satisfied that the Lavendon Parish area represents a coherent, consistent and appropriate area for the purpose of neighbourhood planning. Whilst there are a few small local business operations in Lavendon, the overriding character of the area is residential and, consequently, it is not considered appropriate to designate the area as a business area under Section 61G of the Act.

It is therefore recommended that the neighbourhood area for Lavendon is designated.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: *(insert hyperlink to files on L drive)*

[L:\Development Plans\Localism Act\Neighbourhood Plans from non frontrunners\Lavendon NP\Neighbourhood Area Designation](#)

DECISION TAKEN:

Designation of the Lavendon Neighbourhood Area agreed

SIGNED:



Duncan Sharkey, Acting Service Director Growth, Economy and Culture

DATE: 10 October 2017