



**Town and Country Planning Act 1990
As amended by the Localism Act 2011, Sch 9, Part 1**

**The Neighbourhood Planning (general) Regulations 2012 – Part 2 (5) –
Application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area**

APPLICATION BY HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL

Higham Ferrers Town Council hereby applies for the designation of the following area to be the subject of a Neighbourhood Plan under the above Regulations:

Section 5(1) (a) Application Area

The area outlined in blue on the attached plan encompassing and representing the whole of the Parish of Higham Ferrers is the land to be applied for as the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Section 5(1) (b) Appropriate Statement

The area is considered appropriate for designation as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

- The Town Council and the Project Group consider that the whole Parish is an appropriate area. This will ensure that any policies which are developed which extend or have influence outside of the existing urban confines and Town boundary line can be implemented and will have weight within the plan.
- The allocation of sites for housing, employment and community facilities across the Parish will have an impact on the delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan aspirations and therefore the entire Parish should be included within the designated area. The Neighbourhood Plan will require to be in conformity with the emerging Core Spatial Strategy and Four Towns Plan.

Section 5(1) (c)

Higham Ferrers Town Council meets the criteria of a relevant body by virtue of satisfying the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011, Section 9, Part 1, section 61G(2) (a).

Signed  Mayor

Signed  Proper Officer

18 December 2012

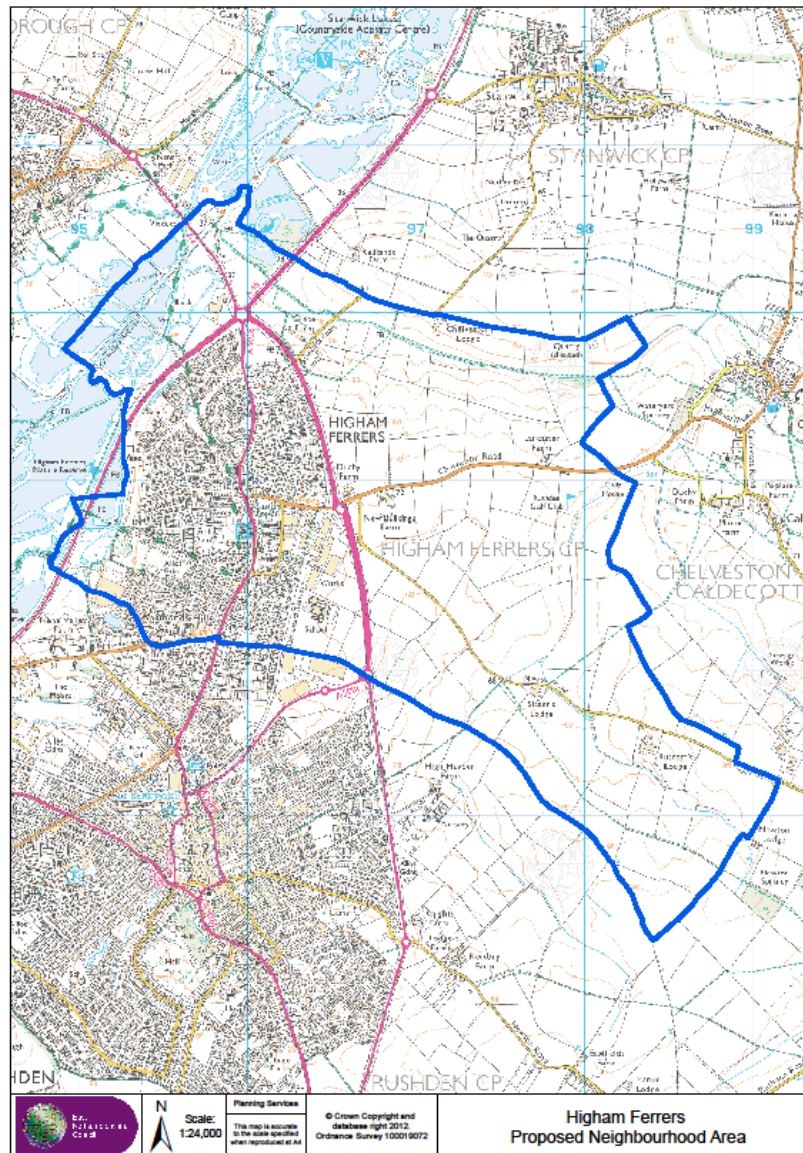


PUBLIC NOTICE

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA, HIGHAM FERRERS

Notice is given that an application has been made by Higham Ferrers Town Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The purpose of the application is to enable the Town Council to undertake neighbourhood planning, and in particular to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the area covered by the parish of Higham Ferrers as shown on the map below.



The proposed area includes the whole of the existing parish boundary of Higham Ferrers. It is intended that any alternative wider town planning issues will be addressed through the emerging Four Towns Plan, currently being prepared by East Northamptonshire Council.

The Town Council consider this to be the most appropriate area to be designated as a neighbourhood area specifically:

- to ensure that any policies which are developed which extend or have influence outside of the existing urban confines and town boundary line can be implemented and have weight within the plan.

Higham Ferrers Town Council is a 'relevant body' for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act, and is therefore qualified to undertake neighbourhood planning.

In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the application is now advertised for comments as to whether there is any reason why the District Council should not make the area designation. Further information can be found on the Council's website under the consultation pages at the following link:

<http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation>

A copy of the neighbourhood plan boundary will be available to view at the Higham Ferrers Town Council Offices and the Higham Ferrers Town Library between Monday 18th February and Monday 1st April at the following times:

- Higham Ferrers Library, (open Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-2pm and Sun 1pm-4pm)
- Higham Ferrers Town Council offices, (open Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm, Friday 9am-1pm)

Any comments concerning this proposed neighbourhood planning boundary should be made in writing to the Senior Planning Policy Officer, East Northamptonshire Council, Planning Policy and Conservation, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northants, NN14 4LZ, or by e-mail to planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk no later than 16:00pm on **Monday 1st April 2013**.