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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 RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Rushden 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 edged in blue on the attached plan encompassing the whole parish boundary of Rushden.

Section 5(1)(b) Appropriate Area Statement

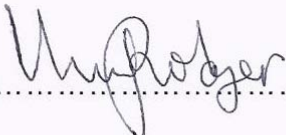
A Neighbourhood Plan is an essential tool in the Town Council's vision for revitalisation and regeneration of the town. The area is appropriate for designation as a Neighbourhood Area for the follow reasons:

- Define the right balance of service provision, office accommodation, retail offering and housing provision
- Development of existing brownfield sites
- Provide design statements which will retain and enhance the character of the town
- Identify the need for community facilities
- Identify highway improvements
- Ensure the provision of appropriate open space and new cemetery facilities
- Ensure the provision of leisure and sports facilities

It is intended that more strategic planning issues will be addressed by other emerging plans and this plan will comply with any relevant superior plans. The proposed Neighbourhood Area does not overlap with any other.

Section 5(1)(c) Relevant body statement

Rushden Town Council is a qualifying relevant body pursuant to Section 61(G)(2)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Signed.....  Town Clerk
Date..... 25/6/2013



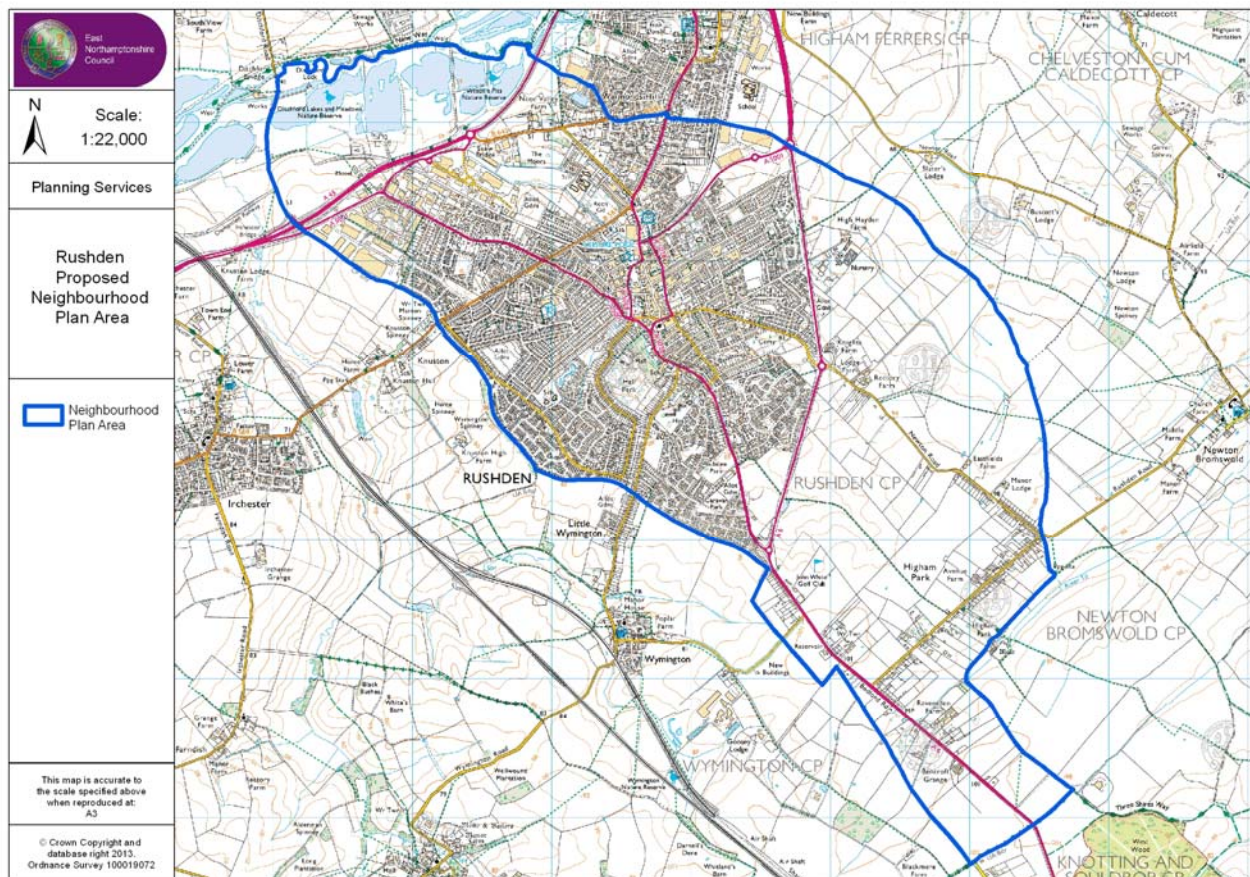
PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AMENDED BY THE LOCALISM ACT 2011) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012

DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA, RUSHDEN

Notice is given that an application was made by Rushden Town Council on **25 June 2013**, for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

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 Rushden as shown on the map below.



The proposed area includes the whole of the existing parish boundary of Rushden. It is intended that wider, strategic planning issues will be addressed through the emerging Local Plan for East Northamptonshire Council, which will consist of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) review and relevant site specific Plan, prepared by East Northamptonshire Council.

The Town Council considers the whole of the parish area of Rushden 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 in planning decisions.

Rushden 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 Rushden Neighbourhood 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 proposed Neighbourhood Area boundary will be available to view at the following locations, between **Friday, 16 August** and **Monday, 14 October 2013** inclusive:

- Customer Service Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ (8:45am-5pm, Monday to Friday)
- Customer Service Centre, Newton Road, Rushden, NN10 0PT (9am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday)
- Rushden Library, Newton Road, Rushden, NN10 0PT (9am-6pm, Monday to Friday; 9am-5pm, Saturday; 1pm-4pm, Sunday)
- Rushden Town Council Offices, Rushden Hall, Rushden, NN10 9NG (9am-5pm, Monday to Thursday; 9am-4:30pm, Friday)

Any comments concerning this proposed neighbourhood planning boundary should be made, in writing, to Planning Policy and Conservation, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Kettering; NN14 4LZ; or by e-mail to planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk, no later than **4pm on Monday, 14 October 2013**.

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