

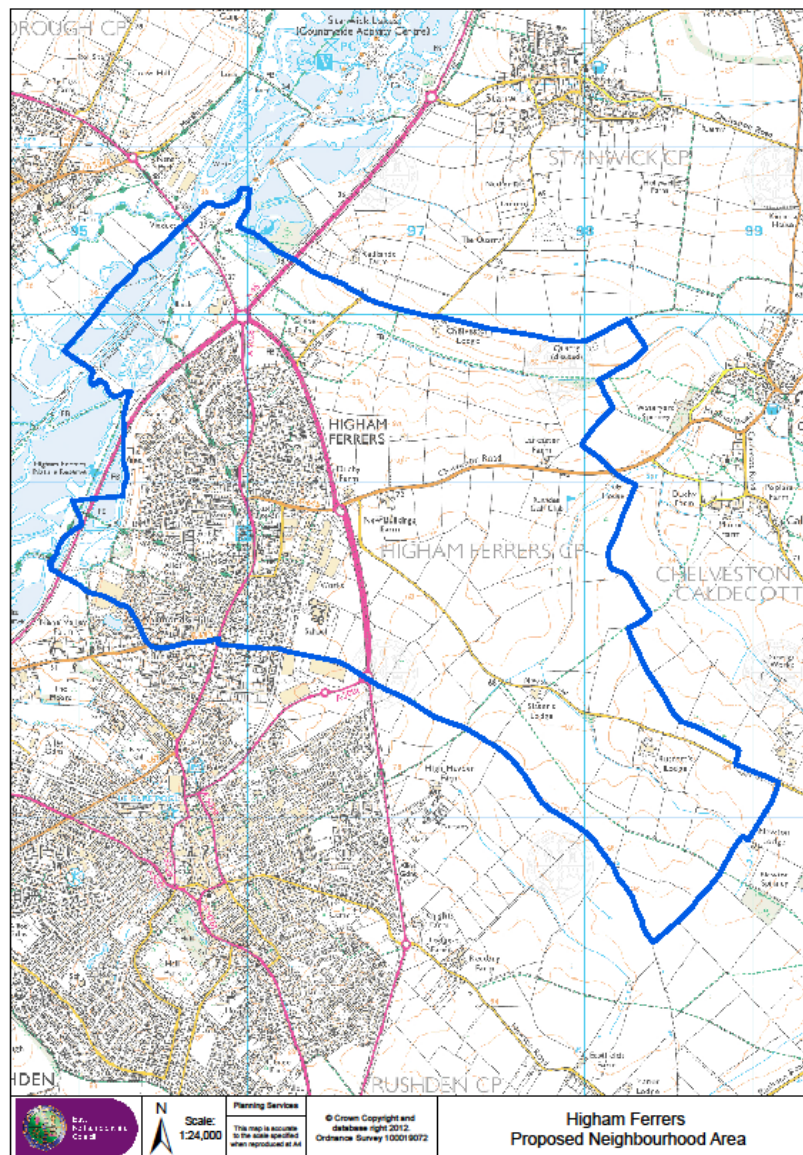


PUBLIC NOTICE

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**.