

**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