PUBLIC NOTICE

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

DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREAS

Notice is given that applications have been made by the following Town and Parish Councils for the designation of three Neighbourhood Areas, under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012:

- Higham Ferrers Town Council (revision to the designated Neighbourhood Area, previously approved on 17 June 2013)
- Irthlingborough Town Council (designation of a new Neighbourhood Area)
- Stanwick Parish Council (designation of a new Neighbourhood Area)

This will enable these Town and Parish Councils to undertake neighbourhood planning and in particular to prepare Neighbourhood Plans for their respective parishes. It is intended that wider, strategic planning issues will be addressed through the adopted Local Plan for East Northamptonshire Council, which consists of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy (adopted June 2008); Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan (adopted July 2011); and saved policies from the East Northamptonshire District Local Plan (adopted November 1996). Preparation of a replacement Local Plan is already underway, which will consist of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) review and relevant site specific Plan(s), prepared by East Northamptonshire Council.
Higham Ferrers

East Northamptonshire Council is seeking to designate a revised Neighbourhood Area boundary for Higham Ferrers. This is necessary in order to ensure that the Neighbourhood Area boundary aligns with the revised Parish boundary for Higham Ferrers which is due to come into effect on 15 October 2014, and the proposed adjacent Neighbourhood Area boundaries for Irthlingborough and Stanwick.
Irthlingborough

Irthlingborough Town Council considers that the whole of the revised parish area of Irthlingborough, due to come into effect on 15 October 2014 represents the most appropriate area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, as shown on the map below. This will ensure that any policies which are developed which extend or have influence outside of the existing built up areas can be implemented and have weight in planning decisions.
Stanwick

Stanwick Parish Council considers that the whole of the revised parish area of Stanwick, due to come into effect on 15 October 2014 represents the most appropriate area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. Nevertheless, 16.9ha land south of Kimbolton Road (B645) has been excluded from the proposed Neighbourhood Area for Stanwick, as this land is due to transfer from Stanwick to Chelveston cum Caldecott, as of 15 October 2014. The proposed Neighbourhood Area is shown on the map below.

Higham Ferrers Town Council, Irthlingborough Town Council and Stanwick Parish Council are all ‘relevant bodies’ for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act, and are therefore qualified to undertake neighbourhood planning. In the case of the three proposed Neighbourhood Areas, the preparation of each Neighbourhood Plan will be led solely by the respective Town and/ or Parish Council.

In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the three proposed boundaries are now advertised for comments as to whether there is any reason why East Northamptonshire Council should not make these designations. 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.

Copies of the three proposed Neighbourhood Area boundaries will be available to view at the following locations, between Friday, 18 July and Monday, 15 September 2014 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)
- Customer Service Centre, Oundle Library, Glapthorn Road, Oundle. PE8 4JA (10am-1pm, Monday to Saturday)
- Raunds Town Council, The Hall, Thorpe Street, Raunds, NN9 6LT (9:30am-2pm, Monday to Friday)
- Libraries at Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Raunds and Rushden (opening times and other details are available from Northamptonshire County Council)

Any comments concerning these proposed neighbourhood planning boundaries 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, 15 September 2014.

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