

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Stratfield Mortimer Designation of Neighbourhood Area</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Individual Executive Member Decision
<b>Date on which Decision is to be taken:</b>	11 February 2014
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID2637

**Purpose of Report:** To designate a Neighbourhood Area for Stratfield Mortimer for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

**Recommended Action:** That the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services, Countryside approves the designation.

**Reason for decision to be taken:** To comply with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and the Localism Act 2011  
To enable Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan

**Other options considered:** none

**Key background documentation:** Planning Policy Task Group Report 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013  
The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6)  
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012  
Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area submitted by Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

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## Implications

<b>Policy:</b>	As stated in the report
<b>Financial:</b>	As yet undertermined – the Parish Council has made provision for £8,000 and applied for additional funding from other sources The Council can apply for funding from DCLG once the Neighbourhood Area has been adopted.
<b>Personnel:</b>	Not consulted as deemed not appropriate
<b>Legal/Procurement:</b>	Not consulted as deemed not appropriate
<b>Property:</b>	Not consulted as deemed not appropriate
<b>Risk Management:</b>	Not consulted as deemed not appropriate

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes	
	Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:		
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome</b> (Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality)		
Relevant to equality - Complete an EIA available at <a href="http://www.westberks.gov.uk/eia">www.westberks.gov.uk/eia</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not relevant to equality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Consultation Responses

### Members:

<b>Leader of Council:</b>	E mail sent 15/01 - Councillor Gordon Lundie
<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:</b>	E mail response from Councillor Brian Bedwell - No comment 16/01/14
<b>Ward Members:</b>	E mail sent 15/01 - Councillor Mollie Lock E mail sent 15/01 - Councillor Geoff Mayes
<b>Opposition Spokesperson:</b>	E mail sent 15/01 - Councillor Keith Woodhams
<b>Local Stakeholders:</b>	Application submitted by Parish Council
<b>Officers Consulted:</b>	Jo Naylor, Principal Policy Officer (Communities) Supportive of designation - 29/01/14

**Trade Union:**

<b>Is this item subject to call-in?</b>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Report is to note only	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Supporting Information

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Council has a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of neighbourhood development plans and orders and to take plans through a process of examination and referendum.
- 1.2 Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council is the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in the area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and section 5C of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and has applied (Appendix A) for the entire parish to be designated the "Neighbourhood Area".
- 1.3 The application to designate Stratfield Mortimer as an area for a Neighbourhood Plan was advertised and a six week consultation undertaken.

### 2. Results of the Consultation

- 2.1 Following the consultation the Council received only one request to modify the proposed Neighbourhood Area. This request was considered in a report taken to the Planning Policy Task Group (Appendix A) and following due consideration rejected.
- 2.2 The responses made to the consultation have been included in Appendix D

### 3. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

- 3.1 There is no decision to be made as the application is to designate a Neighbourhood Area only and therefore no Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken.

### 4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Given the responses received to the consultation on the designation of the Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Area and the criteria for determining such an application it is recommended that the proposed Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Area be approved.

## Appendices

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- Appendix A – Planning Policy Task Group Report 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013
- Appendix B – Application to designate Neighbourhood Area
- Appendix C – Map of Neighbourhood Area
- Appendix D – Response to consultation