

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Tilehurst Designation of Neighbourhood Area
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	29 May 2015
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2972

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

Recommended Action: That the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Development, Transport (Policy), Newbury, Hungerford, Thatcham and Eastern Area Visions 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 Tilehurst Parish Council to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan

Other options considered: none

Key background documentation: Planning policy Task Group Report 13th December 2013
The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6)
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012
Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area submitted by Tilehurst Parish Council

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Implications

Policy:	As stated in the report
Financial:	As yet undertermined The Council can apply for funding from DCLG once the Neighbourhood Area has been adopted.
Personnel:	Not Consulted as deemed not appropriate
Legal/Procurement:	Not Consulted as deemed not appropriate
Property:	Not Consulted as deemed not appropriate
Risk Management:	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"/>
Outcome (Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality)				
Relevant to equality - Complete an EIA available at www.westberks.gov.uk/eia			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not relevant to equality			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	E mail sent Cllr Lundie - Verbal no comment
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:	E mail response from Cllr Bedwell (2014/15 Chairman) - Support
Ward Members:	E mail sent Cllr Linden E mail response Cllr Webster - Support
Opposition Spokesperson:	E mail sent Cllr Macro

Local Stakeholders: Application submitted by Parish Council

Officers Consulted: Jo Naylor, Principal Policy Officer (Communities)

Trade Union:

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting Information

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 Tilehurst 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 (as amended) and has applied (Appendix A) for the entire parish to be designated the "Neighbourhood Area".
- 1.3 The application to designate Tilehurst as an area for a Neighbourhood Plan was advertised and a four week consultation undertaken.

2. Results of the Consultation

- 2.1 Following the consultation the Council received only 7 responses, none of which raised any objections to the proposed Neighbourhood Area designation.
- 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 Tilehurst Neighbourhood Area and the criteria for determining such an application it is recommended that the proposed Tilehurst Neighbourhood Area be approved.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Planning Policy Task Group Report
- Appendix B – Application to designate Neighbourhood Area
- Appendix C – Map of Neighbourhood Area
- Appendix D – Consultation notice
- Appendix E – Responses to Consultation