



Stonehouse Town Council

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Dear Mr. Wyatt,

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area – Stonehouse Parish

Stonehouse Town Council, being a 'relevant body' as required by legislation under Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, formally applies for the Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, with the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and/or Neighbourhood Development Order. A resolution to make this application was passed by the Town Council on 22 July 2013, TC1348.

We confirm that as a Town Council, accountable to the community that it serves, Stonehouse Town Council is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act (inserted by paragraph 2 of Schedule 9 to the Localism Act 2011).

The Neighbourhood Area defined by the Town Council is the whole of the civil parish of Stonehouse. We consider the defined area to be an appropriate area for designation as a Neighbourhood Area for the following reasons:

1. The area defined is covered by Stonehouse Town Council in its entirety. The Neighbourhood Area will sit comfortably with the electorate; also, the existing sense of community that currently exists can continue to be built upon as the Plan is created.
2. The area defined was the subject of a community-led planning exercise, involving local consultation, namely the Stonehouse Community Plan which was produced in June 2008 available to view on the parish website. www.stonehousetowncouncil.com.

The Stonehouse Community Plan consultations demonstrated an appetite for the community to shape growth and development in the parish and issues raised by this parish plan will be used and developed in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

3. The Town Council works actively to include residents and stakeholders from all parts of the Parish. The extensive community consultation already undertaken through previous plans e.g. Stonehouse Design Statement dated 2nd May 2005 and a Healthcheck consultation carried out in May 2007 and ongoing cooperation with community groups such as Stonehouse Community Partnership and Cotswold Canals Trust.

We envisage that the NDP will address economic issues such as employment opportunities, housing need plus infrastructure requirements (facilities and services) to meet the future needs of the community. Design and character of development and its relationship with landscape character and setting will also feature in the NDP.

We understand that Stroud District Council will contact us immediately with any queries about this application and that the application will be advertised by Stroud District Council for 6 weeks prior to the approval decision. Please address any communication to myself with a copy to Councillor Clare Sheridan.

Yours sincerely

Gill Jennings
Town Clerk