

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 6 SEPTEMBER 2016

REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR AREA DESIGNATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD  
PLANNING: LITTLE HADHAM PARISH

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WARD(S) AFFECTED:        LITTLE HADHAM

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To enable the consideration of an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area

**RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTIVE: That:**

<b>(A)</b>	<b>the application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, submitted by Little Hadham Parish Council, be supported.</b>
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1.0 Background

1.1 Little Hadham Parish Council (PC) submitted an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area to the Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016. Agreement to the designation of a Neighbourhood Area is required by the Council as Local Planning Authority (LPA) before a Neighbourhood Plan can be formulated.

1.2 The application was made in the form of a letter from Little Hadham PC with an attached plan setting the area to which the application relates. The letter and plan form **Essential Reference Paper 'B'** to this report.

2.0 Consultation

2.1 The Council has undertaken the appropriate consultation with regard to the application submission. No comments have been received by the Council in response to the consultation.

### 3.0 Considerations

3.1 Two main areas of consideration to be taken into account when determining an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area are set out in Schedule 9 of the Localism Act 2011. One of these is that the authority determining the application must have regard to the desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of neighbourhood plan areas already designated.

3.2 No weight needs to be given to this consideration in this case as no other Neighbourhood Areas are currently designated in the Little Hadham parish area.

3.3 The other area of consideration is the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish council as the Neighbourhood Area.

3.4 In this case, the area proposed covers the entire parish area, a known and existing boundary which does not conflict with neighbouring parish boundaries.

3.5 The area designation request has also been considered in relation to the emerging District Plan and there are no anticipated conflicts between the area designation and the emerging development strategy for the District.

### 4.0 Conclusion

4.1 Neighbourhood planning is now an integral part of the planning system with legislative backing through the Localism Act. The LPA is charged with determining applications for the designation of Neighbourhood Areas. In this case, designation of the whole of the parish area of Little Hadham for neighbourhood planning purposes is supported.

### 5.0 Implications/Consultations

5.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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