

STOCKING PELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

STOCKING PELHAM PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Neighbourhood Area Application

27 May 2025

Introduction

LOCALISM ACT 2011 (SCHEDULE 9) AND TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
(SECTIONS 61F & 61G)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012

Stocking Pelham Parish Council, as a "relevant body", hereby applies to East Hertfordshire Council, as the local planning authority, for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area pursuant to the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

Background

On 22 May 2025, Stocking Pelham Parish Council at its full Council meeting passed a motion to instigate proceedings to establish a Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group to lead on the formulation of a NDP for the parish of Stocking Pelham. An application is hereby submitted under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The designation of the Neighbourhood Area is the first formal step in the process of producing the NDP. Regulation 5 requires the submission of the following as part of the application:

- (a) A map which identifies the area to which the application relates;
- (b) A statement explaining why the area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area; and
- (c) A statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

Neighbourhood Area Map

A map is attached showing the area to which this application relates.

Justification for Designation

In determining the application for designation, the local planning authority must have regard to the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish council as a neighbourhood. In East Herts, parish councils are recognised as qualifying bodies able to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

The proposed area covers the administrative boundaries of Stocking Pelham Parish Council, and includes the village of Stocking Pelham and the surrounding rural area. There are no known overlaps with other relevant bodies promoting other neighbourhood areas

It is believed that there are compelling reasons why the neighbourhood area indicated on the attached map should be given favourable consideration. These are as follows:

1. Stocking Pelham is classed as a Group 3 Village in the East Herts District Plan and as such The Parish Council notes the guidance provided in Policy VILL3 Group 3 Villages in the East Herts District Plan and is confident that any development will be in compliance with this policy.

2. The village is next to the Pelham substation, which has encouraged significant net-zero infrastructure development. The villagers are keen to have a say as to where this development takes place.

Statement in relation to the "Relevant Body"

This application for designation is submitted by Stocking Pelham Parish Council, which is considered to be a relevant body under the terms of Section 61G (2a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990,

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, the proposed neighbourhood area, as shown on the attached map, is considered to be appropriate and justified. Under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Stocking Pelham Parish Council is considered to be a "relevant body" for the purposes of this application. The Parish Council therefore respectfully request East Hertfordshire Council to process this application in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Signed

Clerk for Stocking Pelham Parish Council