

MINCHINHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Mr Ricardo Rios
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25th March, 2015

Dear Mr Rios,

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Minchinhampton

Minchinhampton Parish 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 do this was passed by the parish council at its planning meeting on March 9th, 2015.

We confirm that as a parish council, accountable to the community which it serves, Minchinhampton Parish 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 parish council is to be the whole of the civil parish of Minchinhampton.

We consider the defined area to be an appropriate area because it will sit comfortably with the electorate, and separate and distinct communities within the parish can all be properly recognised, building on the existing sense of community as the plan is created.

The area for designation was also the subject of a Parish Plan produced in 2005. This followed two years work by a group that consulted widely and felt strongly that the voice of the community should play a greater role in shaping its future. We therefore believe that the NDP would update and build upon residents’ clearly stated continuing desires to shape growth and development in the parish.

The parish council envisages that the NDP will address the economic issues such as housing need, plus infrastructure requirements (facilities and services) to meet the future needs of the community

The design and character of development and its relationship with landscape character and setting will also feature in the NDP.

A map showing the boundary of the parish of Minchinhampton is attached.

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 six weeks prior to the approval decision.

Please address any communication to myself which I shall pass to all councillors.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Barber
Clerk
Minchinhampton Parish Council