



Dursley Town Council

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Dear Mr Wyatt

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area: Dursley Parish

Dursley 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 17th December 2013.

We confirm that as a Town Council, accountable to the community that it serves, Dursley 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 Dursley. A copy of the Parish boundary map is attached and also accessible on our website: www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

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 Dursley 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 NDP is created. The existing sense of place is based on Dursley's unique identity as an historic market town; the NDP will explore how we can capitalise on this and develop Dursley as a stronger market town.
2. The Town Council works actively to include residents and stakeholders from all parts of the Parish and has effective relationships with local groups and organisations. The extensive community consultation already undertaken through previous and ongoing community work will be of great use in developing the NDP.

It is envisaged that the NDP will address issues that are important to local people such as: employment opportunities, housing need, infrastructure requirements (facilities and

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services) and highways 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.

Yours sincerely

Helen Bojaniwska
Town Clerk

c.c. Phillip Skill, Head of Planning, Stroud District Council
Conrad Moore, Principal Planner, Stroud District Council