



# Eastington Parish Council

*Please reply to:*

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Mr. Barry Wyatt  
Strategic Head of Development Services  
Planning Policy Team  
Stroud District Council  
Ebley Mill  
Stroud, GL5 4UB

Dear Mr Wyatt,

## **Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area:- Eastington Parish**

Eastington 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 make this application was passed by the parish council on 12/3/2013.

We confirm that as a Parish Council, accountable to the community that it serves, Eastington 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 the whole of the civil parish of Eastington. 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 Eastington Parish 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 has been the subject of a recent community-led planning exercise, involving local consultation, namely the Parish Plan (currently draft - to be published in June 2013). The parish 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 Parish Council works actively to include residents and stakeholders from all parts of the Parish. The extensive community consultation already undertaken through previous plans and ongoing community work will be of great use in developing the Neighbourhood Plan.

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.



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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 and copy to Andrew Niblett.

Yours sincerely,

Anita Sach  
Clerk to the Council

CC Philip Skill, Head of Planning, SDC  
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