

STANDISH PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Mr Wyatt,

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Standish

Standish 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 was passed by the parish council on October 3, 2013.

We confirm that as a parish council, accountable to the community which it serves, Standish 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 Standish. 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 Standish Parish Council in its entirety. The Neighbourhood Area will sit comfortably with the electorate; also the existing sense of community can continue to be built upon as the plan is created.
2. The area defined was the subject of a community led planning exercise involving local consultation, namely the Standish Parish Plan which was produced in 2009. Copies are available on request. 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 Plan.
3. The parish council works actively to include residents and stakeholders from all parts of the parish. Since the parish plan a Housing Needs Survey has also been conducted the results of which were finalised for a presentation on October 3, 2013. Again copies are available on request.

We envisage 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. 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 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
Standish Parish Council

Cc: Phil Skill, Head of Planning
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