



WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Barry Wyatt
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20th January 2015

Dear Mr. Wyatt,

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area: - Wotton-under-Edge Parish.

Wotton-under-Edge 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 19th January 2015. I enclose a map showing the parish boundary.

We confirm that as a Parish Council, accountable to the community that it serves, Wotton-under-Edge 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 Wotton-under-Edge. 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 Wotton-under-Edge 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 Neighbourhood Plan is created.
2. The area defined was the subject of a community-led planning exercise, involving local consultation, namely the Parish Community Plan which was produced in 2005 and is being further updated at present. The parish plan consultations demonstrated that the community wishes to be involved and to help shape the future for the community of Wotton-under-Edge. Issues raised by this parish plan will be used and developed in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

3. The Town Council works actively to include residents and stakeholders from all parts of the Parish. The extensive community consultation already undertaken through previous consultations such as the Community Plan will be of great use in developing the Neighbourhood Plan.

We envisage that the NDP will address 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.

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 which I will forward to the Councillors.

Yours sincerely,



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Town Clerk
Wotton-under-Edge Town Council

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