

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision

Liz Aspray

Officer Making the Decision

Geoff Parker

Recommendation

That the Council approves the joint application from Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council and Hoton Parish Council for designation of the whole of the parishes of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold and Hoton as a Neighbourhood Area.

Reason

So that Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council and Hoton Parish Council may continue the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the area covered by their Parish boundaries in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Authority for Decision

Section 8.3 of the Council's constitution includes a delegation to the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning and Sustainability, to agree and formally designate the Neighbourhood Area that would be covered by a Neighbourhood Plan or Neighbourhood Order. Consultation with the Lead Member for Planning and Sustainability has taken place.

Decision and Date

APPROVED  5 OCTOBER 2014.

Background

The Localism Act (2011) provides the legal basis for neighbourhood planning and establishes neighbourhood plans as part of the statutory development plan alongside the Council's local plan.

The first stage of preparing a neighbourhood plan (as set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012) is to decide on the boundary of the neighbourhood plan area which must be submitted to the Borough Council for agreement. The Borough Council will publicise the application and issue a decision on whether to designate a neighbourhood area after a six week consultation period.

Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council and Hoton Parish Council submitted an application, for the whole of the parish of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold and Hoton, to be designated as a joint neighbourhood area on the 11th July 2014. The application letter and boundary map are attached to this document for information.

The proposed aims and objectives of the neighbourhood plan are to address concerns over the lack of services and employment areas in the Parishes and to address concerns over poor public transport infrastructure and traffic congestion.

The six week consultation period on the application for designation as a neighbourhood area ended on the 23rd September 2014 and no representations were received.

The Borough Council now needs to issue a decision on whether to designate the boundary of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council and Hoton Parish Council as a neighbourhood area so that the Parish Councils can continue the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The area is not covered by any other Neighbourhood Area or Neighbourhood Plan.

Financial Implications

The cost of preparing Neighbourhood plans falls largely to the parish or town council preparing it. However, the Council must arrange and pay for the Examination and Referendum required as part of the proposal (as set out in Cabinet resolution Minute 121 03/13). An amount of £30k per Neighbourhood Plan is currently available from DCLG - this funding will be used to cover the costs of the Examination and Referendum.

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
A lack of adequate staff resources to ensure appropriate support is available to help town and parish councils prepare their neighbourhood plans.	Possible	Minor	Resources will be managed effectively and will be prioritised to match the demand from competing neighbourhood plans and existing workloads.

Key Decision:

No

Background Papers:

Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council and Hoton

Parish Council application for designation as a neighbourhood area and boundary map.

WOLDS VILLAGES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES AND PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL HOTON PARISH COUNCIL

37 Barrow Road
Burton on the Wolds
Loughborough
Leicestershire
LE12 5TB

Richard Bennett
Charnwood Borough Council
Southfield Road
Loughborough
Leicestershire
LE11 2TX

11th July 2014

Dear Richard,

The Parish Councils of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold and Hoton have joined together and have formed a Neighbourhood Plan area.

We are writing to notify you of our intent to produce a Neighbourhood Plan under the name the 'Wolds Villages Neighbourhood Plan' and to ask you to formally designate the parish boundaries of the parishes of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes, Prestwold and Hoton as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

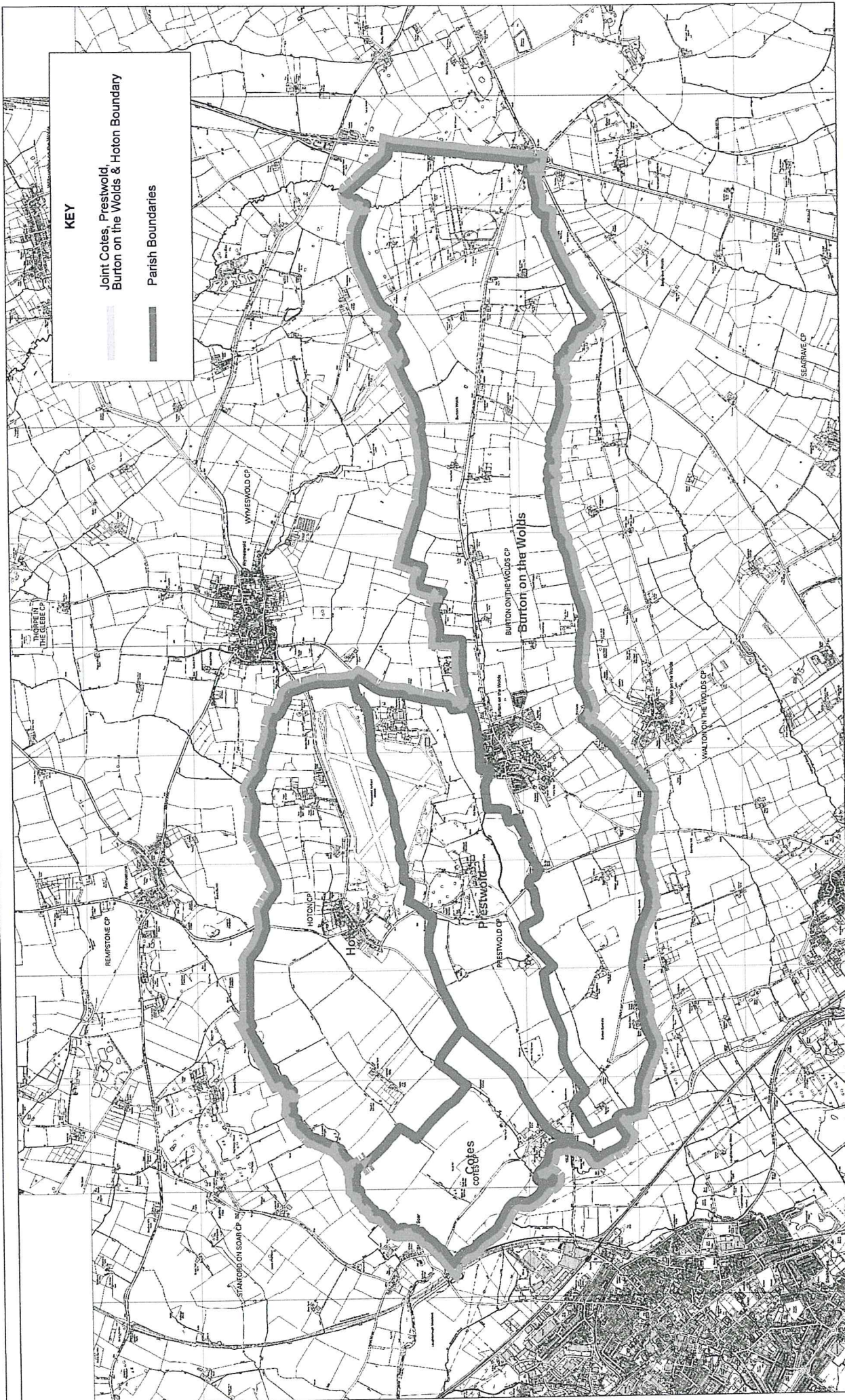
We would also like to ask for your support in the formation of our Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Clare Blain

Clerk to Burton on the Wolds, Cotes
and Prestwold Parish Council and Hoton Parish Council



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**PLAN SHOWING PARISH BOUNDARIES FOR:
COTES, PRESTWOLD, BURTON ON THE WOLDS & HOTON**

Cotes, Prestwold, Burton on the Wolds & Hoton Parish Councils
37 Barrow Road
Burton on the Wolds
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Parker Geoff

From: Cllr. Eric Vardy
Sent: 03 October 2014 14:48
To: Parker Geoff
Subject: Re: Application fromtBurton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council and Hoton Parish Council to desigante a Neighbourhood Area

Dear Geoff,

Thank you, I fully support your decision to approve these parishes be designated as a joint neighbourhood area,

Kind regards

Eric

Cllr Eric Vardy
System West Ward
Charnwood Borough Council
Lead Member for Planning, Sustainability & Regeneration.
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On 3 Oct 2014, at 13:52, "Parker Geoff" <geoff.parker@charnwood.gov.uk> wrote:

> Dear Eric
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> Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council and Hoton
> Parish Council have submitted an application for the whole of the
> parish of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold and Hoton to be
> designated as a joint Neighbourhood Area
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> I am authorised to approve their application in consultation with you as lead member. The
purpose of this email is therefore to consult you on this proposal.
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> Having read the attached report from Liz Aspray I am minded to approve the application. Would
you be content for me to do so?
>
> Regards
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> Geoff
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> Chief Executive
> Charnwood Borough Council
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