

Committee: Cabinet

Agenda Item

Date: 25 October 2012

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Title: Designation of Great Dunmow
Neighbourhood Plan Area

**Portfolio
Holder:** Cllr Barker

Key decision: **No**

Summary

1. The Council received an application from Great Dunmow Town Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area on 21 June 2012.
2. The application has been advertised in accordance with the Regulations for a period in excess of 6 weeks ending on 17 August 2012 and advertised on the website until 3 September 2012.

Recommendations

3. To designate the Parish of Great Dunmow as the Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Financial Implications

4. There are no financial implications arising from this decision.
5. A total of £20,000 funding for this Neighbourhood Plan work has been secured from Government. This funding is available for costs incurred by Great Dunmow Town Council and the District Council and is held by the District Council.

Background Papers

None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Consultation has taken place in accordance with the Regulations. The decision to Designate a Neighbourhood Plan Area will be advertised in accordance with the Regulations.
Community Safety	None

Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	Great Dunmow North and Great Dunmow South
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

7. The Council received an application from Great Dunmow Town Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area on 21 June 2012. This request was made under Section 5 – 7 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
8. The application has been advertised in accordance with the Regulations for a period in excess of 6 weeks ending on 17 August 2012. The application was advertised through the Councils website.
9. The Town Council has proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan Area is contiguous with the Parish Boundary of Great Dunmow (Appendix 1). The Town Council consider that this is the appropriate area to be designated 'as it is the area administered by Great Dunmow Town Council'.
10. Two comments were received which are set out below:
 - 1) On behalf of Barratt Homes Eastern Counties Ltd: In response to the boundaries proposed for the above Neighbourhood Plan by the Dunmow Town Council, the large area encompassed would suggest an ambition to effect strategic planning compared to a more localised influence intended by the provisions of the Localism Act.

It is therefore submitted that the boundaries proposed should not be agreed but refined to a more restricted area that would be better prepared to respond to the strategic decisions that emanate from the emerging Local Plan review.
 - 2) On behalf of Crest Nicholson and Mantle: We acknowledge Great Dunmow Town Council's request on June 21st 2012 to designate a Neighbourhood Area for the entire Parish of Great Dunmow.

On behalf of Crest Nicholson and Mantle, I can confirm that we will seek to engage with them as the Neighbourhood Plan develops as part of our promotion of Land to the West of Chelmsford Road.

Considerations

- 11. The proposal is that the Neighbourhood Plan Area is contiguous with the Parish Boundary of Great Dunmow. This is a logical and sensible approach and demonstrates that the Town Council wish to plan for the whole of its area.
- 12. At this stage no ideas have been developed about the type of policies which the Plan would include. It may not include policies for the rural area and may only focus on specific areas of the Town. However, this would need to be led by the Town Council and their public consultation. The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be in conformity with the strategic policies of the District Local Plan for it to be accepted.

Conclusion

- 13. The Plan Area as submitted by Great Dunmow Town Council should be supported and adopted as the Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Concerns and complaints may be raised about the area designated.	1. Low likelihood as the boundaries are contiguous with those of the Town Council which is a logical boundary.	2. Little or no impact would occur.	Full consultation in accordance with the Regulations has taken place.

- 1 = Little or no risk or impact
- 2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.
- 3 = Significant risk or impact – action required
- 4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.