

Committee: Cabinet

Agenda Item

Date: 17 September 2015

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Title: Designation of Stansted Mountfitchet Neighbourhood Development Plan Area

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Barker, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

Key decision: No

Summary

1. The Council received an application from Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area on 28 May 2015.
2. The application has been advertised in accordance with the Regulations for a period in excess of 6 weeks ending on 15 July 2015.

Recommendations

3. To designate the amended area outlined on the map at Appendix 1 as the Stansted Mountfitchet Neighbourhood Development Plan Area.

Financial Implications

4. The District Council will be able to claim a grant of £5,000 once the designation has been confirmed to cover the costs of assessing and dealing with the submission.

Background Papers

5. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

Application from Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan Area.

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	Stansted South and Stansted North
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

7. The Council received an application from Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan Area on 28 May 2015. 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 15 July 2015. The application was advertised through the Councils website and via press release.
9. The Parish Council has proposed that the Neighbourhood Development Plan Area follows the main parish boundary for the village to the north, west and south. However, to the south east the proposal (Appendix 1) is that the boundary follows the outside line of the airport boundary rather than the parish boundary which runs through the centre of the airport. The Parish Council consider that this is the appropriate area to be designated as it is, in the main, the area administered by the Parish Council while excluding the operational airport land.
10. No comments were received.

Considerations

11. The proposal is that the Neighbourhood Development Plan Area is contiguous in the main with the Parish Boundary of Stansted Mountfitchet. The parish propose one alteration to this approach to the south east of the area to exclude the operational airport land from the designated Area. This is a logical and sensible approach and demonstrates that the Parish Councils wish to plan for the whole of their area while respecting the fact that issues surrounding the airport are of a regional and national significance.
12. Officers consider that while this is a sensible approach, to adopt the line identified by the Parish is not correct in that some operational airport land is still included within the proposed boundary. Therefore officers have prepared an amended boundary at Appendix 1 which is the area recommended as the Neighbourhood Development Plan Area. This has been discussed with the Parish Council who has confirmed that this approach is acceptable.

13. At this stage no ideas have been developed about the type of policies which the Plan would include. However, this would be led by the Parish Council and their public consultation. The Neighbourhood Development Plan will need to be in conformity with the strategic policies of the District Local Plan for it to be accepted.

Conclusion

14. The area as amended, to exclude operational airport land, should be supported and adopted as the Stansted Mountfitchet Neighbourhood Development 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 Parish Council (except the alteration to exclude the operational airport land) 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.