

Application by Sherington Parish Council

Designation of a neighbourhood area for Sherington parish area

**Sherington Parish Council
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To Whom this Concerns,

Sherington Neighbourhood Plan – Application for the Designation of the Plan Area

At the Parish Council meeting on 6 January 2015, it was agreed that Sherington Parish Council shall produce a Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that future planning and development is supported by and sensitive to the needs of the local community. It was also agreed that the geographical scope of the Plan should be the entire Parish.

Sherington has been designated as one of the three ‘Selected Villages’ in the Milton Keynes Core Strategy and has recently been participating in the Public Consultation on the Site Allocations Plan. This and the recent Public Consultation on Minerals Extraction has generated significant interest within the Parish and it has highlighted there is a strong desire by many residents to participate in planning the future development of the area. The preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan will enable this aspiration to be realised.

Sherington Parish Council hereby applies to Milton Keynes Council for it to designate as a Neighbourhood Area all that area of land situated within the Parish of Sherington, which is shown edged in red on the attached map, in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The Parish Council believes that the entire Parish is the most appropriate area for the following reasons:

- It is a clearly defined and long-established area with a history dating back several centuries
- It is the local government administrative area for the Parish Council of Sherington
- It is consistent with the area of the Selected Village in Milton Keynes Council's own Plans

The Parish Council confirms that it is a relevant body to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

A Steering Group has been set up to take the Neighbourhood Plan forward. It is chaired by a Parish Councillor, but also includes representatives with relevant skills, experience and commitment from a cross-section of the local community.

I trust that, following the statutory six week consultation period, Milton Keynes Council will be able to authorise us to proceed as outlined in this application.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hannah Balazs

Sherington Parish Council Clerk