

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Regulatory

1. DECISION TAKEN

- 1.1 To designate the neighbourhood planning area for Wallington, part of the parish of Rushden and Wallington.

2. DECISION TAKER

- 2.1. Cllr Paul Clark, Executive Member for Planning and Transport in consultation with Ian Fullstone, Service Director – Regulatory.

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN

22 April 2020

4. REASON FOR DECISION

- 4.1. To designate a neighbourhood planning area for Wallington in Rushden and Wallington Parish and allow a neighbourhood plan to be prepared for Wallington.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1. There is a presumption that for town or parish councils, the neighbourhood planning area will be the same as the parish boundary. However, a Parish Council can decide to choose a smaller area where there is a clear planning reason to do so. The neighbourhood planning area application for Wallington was accompanied by an explanation of how the Parish Council had decided on the area which should be designated as a neighbourhood planning area.
- 5.2. Alternatively, it could be that a delegated decision is not taken. This option is not recommended for the reasons set out in the report, i.e no significant representations objecting to the neighbourhood planning area have been received and it would not allow the Parish Council to prepare a neighbourhood plan for Wallington.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

- 6.1. The application to designate Wallington as a neighbourhood planning area has been subject to public consultation with residents and key stakeholders. The local ward member was informed that the application had been received.

7. FORWARD PLAN

- 7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The report for Cabinet 24 March 2020 set out the background details for the application made by Rushden and Wallington Parish Council. As outlined in that report, consultation on the application took place between 12 February and 25 March 2020. The application was

published on the Council's website and letters or emails were sent to statutory consultees, adjoining Parish Councils and any local organisations, developers, landowners and individuals registered with an interest in Rushden and Wallington.

8.2 The report sought delegated authority to confirm the neighbourhood planning area following public consultation.

8.3 Two representations were received by the end of the consultation period and neither raised any objection to the proposed neighbourhood planning area. The representations from Natural England and Hertfordshire County Council are available to view on the [website](#).

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1. Delegated authority to designate the neighbourhood planning area was granted to the Service Director – Regulatory in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport following the cancelled Cabinet meeting on 24 March 2020 due to Covid19.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the decision to designate the neighbourhood planning area for Rushden.
- 10.2 Currently there is funding available for neighbourhood plans where a successful examiners report has been received and a date set for a referendum. The Government has not confirmed whether funding for neighbourhood planning will continue in 2020/21. If the Wallington Neighbourhood Plan progresses to an examination and a referendum in the future, there may be a financial implication for the District Council.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct risk implications from this report.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2 There are not considered to be any direct equality issues arising from this report. Future individual schemes or considerations may well be subject to appropriate review to ensure they comply with latest equality legislative need. Any risks and opportunities identified will also be subject to assessment for impact on those that share a protected characteristic.

12. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

12.1 As the recommendations made in this report do not constitute a public service contract, the measurement of "social value" as required by the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 need not be applied, although equalities implications and opportunities are identified in the relevant section at paragraph 13.

13. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 None.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

14.1 Cabinet Report – March 2020 – Wallington Neighbourhood Planning Area

NOTIFICATION DATE

24 April 2020

Signature of Executive Member Consulted
Cllr Paul Clark, Executive Member for Planning and Transport

Date22nd April 2020.....

Signature of Decision Taker
Ian Fullstone, Service Director - Regulatory

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