



**Localism Act 2011
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

11th November 2013

Decision Document

Preliminary

At the Cabinet Meeting on Tuesday 29th October the Council considered the application for a designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area, supported by a map of the intended area and supporting statement, which had been submitted on 20th August 2013 by Attleborough Town Council together with Besthorpe Parish Council and Old Buckenham Parish Council.

These three Councils are “relevant bodies” within the meaning of the Act for the respective parts of the plan area within each Parish area.

Consultation

Following the receipt of the application and supporting documents the matter was publicised for public consultation for a period of six weeks, closing on 27 September 2013, and in accordance with Regulation 7.(1)

Old Buckenham Parish Council wrote to the Council within this period to advise that, on further consideration, they had decided to withdraw their involvement in the joint preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan with Attleborough Town Council and Besthorpe Parish Council.

Attleborough Town Council has subsequently advised that this does not give rise to concerns to them in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

No other representations were received during the consultation period.

Suitability of Area for Neighbourhood Plan Purposes

The Council considers that the area proposed is suitable for Neighbourhood Planning purposes and accepts that the suggested amendment to the draft boundary raise no planning concerns in this respect.

Publicity

The Council's decision will be published in accordance with Regulation 7 (2).

Decision

The Council approves the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area for Attleborough Town Council and part of Besthorpe Parish Council as shown on the Designation Map reference ABNP1

The Council exercises the power under the Localism Act 2011 to refuse the boundary of the draft Neighbourhood Plan Area as received and publicised and to modify the designated Neighbourhood Plan Area to exclude any portion of land in Old Buckenham Parish.

Reason

The inclusion of the portion of land within Old Buckenham Parish previously included within the application and advertised for consultation was no longer supported by the relevant body. The modification of the boundary to exclude this area is consequential to the withdrawal by the relevant body for this part of the area and does not, in the consideration of Breckland District Council, raise any planning issues and is therefore acceptable for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.