

OFFICER DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of decision maker:	James Doe
Officer title:	Assistant Director (Planning, Development and Regeneration)
Date of Decision:	28 October 2019

Title of Decision:	Designation of the Kings Langley Neighbourhood Plan Area
Part 1 or Part 2 decision:	Part 1
Reason, if Part 2:	

Decision made and reasons:
To designate the whole area of the Kings Langley Parish Council as the Kings Langley Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Under the relevant Regulations a local planning authority must approve area applications submitted by parish councils where the designation is for the whole of its parish area (this can be completed with no publicity or formal consultation). No objections were received during the consultation that justified refusing to designate the whole of the Kings Langley Parish area.

Reports considered: (here reference can be made to specific documents)
Submission dated 6 June 2019 by Kings Langley Parish Council
Officers Report to Cabinet for meeting on 30 July 2019
Consultation Statement October 2019

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:
Extensive consultation beyond minimum requirements was carried out covering local residents and businesses; parish, district and county councillors; statutory consultees including infrastructure providers, community and voluntary organisations, neighbouring local planning authorities and parish councils; and internal Council teams.

Monitoring Officer comments:

The legal requirements regarding the neighbourhood development plans are set out within the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations 2012 and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). The Council as local planning authority should ensure that it meets its obligations under the above.

The Secretary of State has the power to provide financial assistance concerning neighbourhood development orders under the Localism Act 2011.

Deputy Chief Financial Officer comments:

At this stage there is no financial implications for DBC. MHCLG are providing financial and expert support in the preparation of neighbourhood plans.

Implications: The Ministry of Housing and Local Government is offering funding to Local Planning Authorities who support neighbourhood planning. £5,000 can be claimed on designation of the neighbourhood plan area (for up to 5 areas).

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A further £20,000 is available once a date has been set for a referendum following a successful examination.

MHCLG are continuing to provide support for communities who choose to prepare neighbourhood plans, in the form of:

- a basic grant of up to £9,000
- additional grants for eligible groups with an extra £8,000
- technical support through expert partners AECOM and other specialists

There are some staffing implications as a result of this report and in due course these could be significant (as we have a 'duty to support Neighbourhood Plans')

There are no direct implications for land at this stage, although the planning documents and proposals that will be subject to future consultation could have implications for the future use of land within Kings Langley.

In the longer term, the risk implications could be:

Risk:

- Resource implications: dependent upon alignment of timetables for the neighbourhood plan and the Dacorum Local Plan. Priorities could clash.
- Potential for other neighbourhood plans to come forward. Timetable for preparing for the neighbourhood plan is with the parish council and not the Borough Council.
- Need to ensure local development requirements in the Local Plan are reflected in the neighbourhood plan.

Value for Money:

The process for Neighbourhood Plans is nationally set with the aim of neighbourhood plans to add local involvement and ownership to the direction of communities and is currently supported with funding as set out above.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

Refusal to designate area – option rejected as the application was for the whole of the parish area and there are no valid planning reasons to refuse the area designation.

Officer's Signature:



Date: 29 October 2019

Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee: None

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BACKGROUND

On 6th June 2019, Dacorum Borough Council received an application from Kings Langley Parish Council to designate the whole of its area as the Kings Langley Neighbourhood Area. This application was subsequently checked to be coherent, consistent and appropriate to ensure it was valid and it was deemed to be valid.

On 30 July 2019 Cabinet decided that:

1. The Neighbourhood Plan Area for Kings Langley is agreed to be consulted upon; and
2. Formal arrangements for the designation of the Kings Langley Neighbourhood Plan area is delegated to the Assistant Director for Planning, Development and Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure

An extensive consultation was undertaken between 2 September and 18 October 2019 to which 19 responses were received, of which only 2 objected to the proposed boundary on the grounds that the proposed boundary should be slightly amended to include an area beyond the Kings Langley Parish Area. Such an amendment would have required the boundary extending into the neighbouring Abbots Langley Parish Council area and which was also already designated as a Neighbourhood Area. Neighbourhood Plan areas cannot overlap and the objections were in essence concerned with Parish boundary amendments which was beyond the scope of the consultation.

After consideration of the application and responses to the consultation, in accordance with the authority delegated by Cabinet on 30 July 2019 the Assistant Director for Planning, Development and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure, decided on 28 October 2019 to designate the whole of the Kings Langley Parish Council area as a Neighbourhood Area.