

APPROVAL of Edlesborough Parish Council Neighbourhood Area application

Background

1. A Neighbourhood Development Plan is being prepared by Edlesborough Parish Council, which commenced in autumn 2015.
2. The Plan is in its early stages, work has started on gathering information and getting a group of people together to produce the plan. It is not yet confirmed whether there will be allocated sites for development.

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3. The Plan is being led by Edlesborough Parish Council to be supported by a consultant and AVDC planning officers. To progress the Neighbourhood Development Plan, the parish must apply to AVDC to designate the parish as a Neighbourhood Area. The proposed Neighbourhood Area follows the existing parish boundary.
4. The decision on whether to accept and designate a Neighbourhood Area has been delegated by Cabinet to the Forward Plans Manager, after consultation with the relevant local Member (s) and the Cabinet Member for Growth Strategy. This report seeks agreement for confirming the Neighbourhood Area.

Representation and Response

5. The Neighbourhood Area application which has been consulted upon is attached to this report. No comments were received during the consultation period.

Process of Consultation

8. Following the introduction of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and the Localism Act 2011, in a parished area like Edlesborough, it can only be the Parish Council that can be the 'relevant body' for a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Because of this, Edlesborough Parish Council have submitted to Aylesbury Vale District Council an application to designate a Neighbourhood Area under Regulation 5 of the 2012 Regulations.
8. A four week consultation commenced 21 September 2015 to 19 October 2015. The following consultation processes were undertaken to publicise the Neighbourhood Area application:
 - (a) Neighbourhood Area application published on AVDC and Edlesborough Parish Council website
 - (b) Neighbourhood Area application posted on the Parish notice board and Parish Council website
 - (c) Details of Neighbourhood Area application issued in a press release stating where the Neighbourhood Area can be inspected.

Approval

9. In accordance with the above, I approve the Neighbourhood Area application

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Andy Kirkham, Forward Plans Manager

Date: 2 November 2015

In consultation with

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Cllr Mrs Carole Paternoster, Cabinet Member for Growth Strategy

Date: 2 November 2015