

# Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation for Okehampton Town and Hamlets



<b>Neighbourhood Plan Area</b>	<b>Okehampton Town and Hamlets</b>
<b>Date application received</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> April 2015</b>
<b>Delegated decision date</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015</b>
<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Plan area is approved</b>

## **Background:**

Okehampton Town and Hamlets Councils submitted an application to the Council to designate a plan area in respect of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. A map showing the proposed plan area can be viewed [www.westdevon.gov.uk/wdneighbourhoodplans](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/wdneighbourhoodplans).

The application was advertised for six weeks between 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 during which comments were invited about whether the plan area is appropriate.

Responses were received from:

- Devon & Cornwall Police
- Environment Agency
- Highways England
- Natural England
- South West Water
- Sourton Parish Council
- Gladman

The Council has not received any objections to the designation of the plan area proposed.

## **Issues for consideration**

- 2.1 Okehampton Town and Hamlets submitted an application to the Borough Council in May 2015 to designate the area that they intend their neighbourhood plan to cover. This area covers the extent of the parish boundaries of Okehampton Town and Okehampton Hamlets parishes.
- 2.2 Part of the Hamlets Parish Council is also within the Dartmoor National Park (DNP). As such, and in accordance with the regulations, an identical application was also submitted to the DNP. No objections to the proposed plan area were received by DNP.
- 2.3 The application is accompanied by a Terms of Reference for the steering group that will be responsible for leading the process in Okehampton. This group has been endorsed by Okehampton Town Council and Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council and will include representatives from the Town and Parish Council. The Terms of Reference for the group can also be viewed on line.
- 2.4 The proposed neighbourhood plan area has been displayed throughout the two Parish areas through the use of pink site notices and the opportunity to comment on the proposed designation has been publicised on the Town and Parish Council websites, through minutes on full council meetings, local publicity, and referred to at the Annual Parish/Town Assembly public meetings.
- 2.5 The Council received seven representations during the consultation period. None of these organisations object to the proposed plan area.

2.6 As such, it is considered that the plan area is appropriate and can be designated for the purposes of preparing a neighbourhood plan for Okehampton Town and Hamlets.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that

- The consultation responses received in respect of the application are noted; and
- The designation of the Okehampton Town and Hamlets Plan Area for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan is approved.

Ward Member: Cllr Kevin Ball (Okehampton North)
Comments: Me neither.
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Date: 19/06/2015

Ward Member: Cllr Mike Davies (Okehampton North)
Comments: Hi Rebecca,  I have read the document and have no objections to the designated area being accepted.  Regards,  Mike
Date: 19/06/2015

Ward Member: Cllr Tony Leech (Okehampton North)
Comments: As you would expect, I am very happy to agree to this being accepted.  Regards  Tony Leech
Date: 19/06/2015

Ward Member: Cllr Ben Stephens (Okehampton South)
Comments: Hi Rebecca,  It all looks fine and I am happy for you to go ahead with the process.  Do you need us to sign the report?  All the best,  Ben
Date: 19/06/2015

Ward Member: Cllr Julie Yelland (Okehampton South)
Comments: Hi Rebecca

Thank you for your e.mail. I confirm that I am happy to approve the plan area.

kind regards  
Julie Yelland

Date: 18/06/2015

Leader of the Council:

Comments:

Yes fine by me.

Philip.

Date: 22/06/2015

Group Manager (Customer First): Tracey Beeck

Comments:

Hi Rebecca,

I'm happy to approve the Neighbourhood Plan Area for Okehampton Town and Hamlets.

Kind regards  
Tracey

Date: 22/06/2015

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