

***GREAT WITLEY & HILLHAMPTON
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Dear David

Great Witley & Hillhampton Parish : Designated Neighbourhood Area

I am writing to make application for the designation of the Parish of Great Witley & Hillhampton as a neighbourhood area in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The power to designate an area as a neighbourhood area is exercisable under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Under regulation 5(1), the Neighbourhood Planning(General) regulations 2012, an area application has to include :

1. A map which identifies the area to which the application relates:-

A map showing the boundaries of the joint Parish of Great Witley & Hillhampton is enclosed. The neighbourhood area proposed is the whole of the joint Parish and satisfies Section 61G(3) of the Act.

2. A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area:

The area is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area because it covers the whole joint Parish area which encompasses the two population centres of Great Witley village and Hillhampton and a wide range of rural properties within the unique and varied landscape of the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark. A neighbourhood plan will help to shape the future growth of the two communities to ensure that it is balanced and sustainable and a reflection of the wishes of the residents of the area. It will also address the protection and enhancement of the natural environment in order to retain the character and individual identity of the area.

3. A statement that the body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G(2) of the 1990 Act:

Great Witley & Hillhampton Parish Council is the relevant body for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G(2) as specified by paragraph 2(a) of Schedule 9 of the Localism Act 2011 for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Jeffery
Clerk