

**Application for Designating Heyford Park Parish as a Neighbourhood Area**

**Submitted to**

Cherwell District Council

**Date**

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**Prepared by**

Cllr. Tim Coggins, Chair, Heyford Park Parish Council

**Submitted by**

Heyford Park Parish Council

**For the attention of**

David Peckford, Assistant Director: Planning and Development

Dear David,

I am writing on behalf of Heyford Park Parish Council to formally submit our application for the designation of the entire Heyford Park Parish as a neighbourhood area under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

**1. Application Details:**

- Name of the proposed neighbourhood area: Heyford Park Parish
- Name of the relevant body making the application: Heyford Park Parish Council

**2. Reason for Application:**

- The intention of this application is to enable Heyford Park Parish Council to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. This plan will reflect the aspirations of our community in terms of development, conservation, and enhancement of our local environment.
- The plan will be by Heyford Park, for Heyford Park and will continue the spirit of working closely with neighbouring parishes and local developers in a new open and transparent way.
- Our District Councillors have advised Heyford Park is vastly different from the surrounding villages and needs its own Neighbourhood Plan.

**3. Boundary Justification:**

- The proposed neighbourhood area boundary encompasses the entire parish of Heyford Park. This boundary is a logical choice as it aligns with the existing administrative boundaries of the parish, ensuring that the Neighbourhood Plan is relevant and representative of the entire community.

**4. Community Engagement and Support:**

- Prior to this application, the council has been exploring a neighbourhood plan for Heyford Park since August 2022. The feedback received has been overwhelmingly supportive of the initiative to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for our parish.
- Currently Heyford Park is part of the largest Neighbourhood Plan in the county comprising of 12 parishes. Many people including residents and District Councillors have said this is too big, and Heyford Park needs it's own plan.
- The only concerns raised were that it is important to work with neighbouring parishes. Heyford Park Parish Council would continue to work closely with all neighbouring parishes, but in a much more open and inclusive way. Members of the

public from the parishes and all neighbouring communities will be welcome, as opposed to the existing private neighbourhood forum.

- Heyford Park Parish Council have set up our Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and Dorchester, the main landowner and developer in the parish are a member.

**5. Map of the Proposed Neighbourhood Area:**

- Attached is a detailed map clearly outlining the boundaries of the proposed neighbourhood area.

**6. Statement of Compliance:**

- This application complies with the statutory requirements set out in the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

We believe that this application supports the principles of localism and community participation in planning matters. The designation of Heyford Park Parish as a neighbourhood area is a crucial step towards developing a Neighbourhood Plan that reflects our community's needs and aspirations.

This application was resolved unanimously by the Parish Council when it met on 20th December 2023.

We request the local planning authority to consider this application and provide us with the opportunity to shape our community's future through a formal Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you for considering our application. We look forward to your positive response and are available for any further information or discussions as required.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Coggins

Chair, Heyford Park Parish Council

# Attachment 1: Map

The proposed area is marked below in red.

