



Designation of Neighbourhood Area

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1. Name of proposed Neighbourhood Area

SIDDINGTON PARISH

2. Parish Clerk details

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County	
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3. Relevant body

Please confirm that you are a relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area.

Confirmed - the relevant body is Siddington Parish Council

In accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and Section 5C of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, only a town or parish council is able to act as the lead body for neighbourhood planning within Cotswold District. Where a proposed area includes part or whole of a neighbouring parish or parishes, the parish council can only act as lead for the neighbourhood area where the neighbouring parish council(s) have given their consent.

If your proposal includes part or whole of a neighbouring parish or parishes, please list below, and supply signed confirmation of their consent.

N/A

4. Intention of neighbourhood area

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Neighbourhood Development Order

Community Right to Build Order

This section is a statement of intent only, and does not restrict you from developing a plan or order at a later date. However, it will be easier for the Council to determine how it can best assist you if you are able to give an indication of intent at this stage.

5. Proposed area

5.1 Please indicate below, and attach a map showing the extent of the area

Whole parish boundary

Part of parish

Joint with neighbouring parish(es)

6. Please complete the following to enable us to publicise your proposal appropriately.

The boxes below will automatically expand as you type or paste in text.

6.1 (i) Please provide a short statement, setting out the background to your submission: how this proposal has come about, and what it is trying to achieve.

(ii) Please provide an explanation of why you have chosen to develop a Neighbourhood Plan, Neighbourhood Development Order or Community Right to Build.

Note: This information will help us publicise your proposal, and respond to enquiries from the wider community about your intentions.

6.1 i). In recent years Siddington has seen opportunistic applications for housing development being granted planning permission on appeal, against the wishes of both the parish and the local planning authority. The Parish Council wishes to influence the location, nature and extent of future development to best suit the needs of the parish community.

6.1 ii). The Parish Council consider that the absence of a Neighbourhood Development Plan was a factor in the appeal decision to grant planning permission for the most recent speculative development and the decision to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan is driven by the community's wish to have a say in any future development.

6.2 (i) Please provide a short statement on why the boundary described by this submission and the accompanying map is appropriate.

(ii) What has informed and been taken into account in reaching a decision on the proposed boundary?

Note: Please consider whether existing parish boundaries are appropriate for a Neighbourhood Plan, given the location of key facilities and possible development sites. Have you discussed your plans with neighbouring parishes?

6.2 i). The most developed part of the parish is in its north-eastern corner, close to Cirencester. That area, coalescing with Cirencester on its northern boundary is separated from Siddington village by a few fields. Superficially, by reference to those intervening fields, there could be an argument for the neighbourhood plan to exclude the north-eastern part of the parish. From the Parish Plan of 2010, about one third of the parish lived in that north-eastern area. The completion of the Spire View and Orchard Fields developments will have changed that proportion somewhat.

6.2 ii). From the Parish Plan work we know that residents in the north-eastern area value being part of the parish - indeed two of the four recent chairs of the parish council have come from there. From objections raised by residents to the proposed re-ordering of the boundary between Siddington and Cirencester, we know that residents are resistant to being absorbed into 'greater' Cirencester. Residents from that area use the community facilities – the school, the allotments, the play group, the church and the village hall – and are a vital part of the success and viability of those facilities. The physical separation of the parts of the parish belies its underlying social homogeneity. For that reason, we consider that it is appropriate to prepare the proposed Neighbourhood Plan as a plan for the entire parish. We have not discussed our proposal to prepare a plan with neighbouring parishes but we are aware of their formed plans and will of course prepare our plan in full cognisance of them.

6.3 Please provide a short statement on how your proposal will fit with any other plans prepared by your community.

Note: Is your intention to replace or supplement existing plans such as Community or parish plans, village design statements etc?

The last plan prepared by the community was the 2010 Parish Plan. Given the low status in planning terms of Parish Plans - despite the considerable community effort expended in preparing them - and the elapse of time since the Siddington one was published, we do not consider that there are any existing plans that would be affected by a Neighbourhood Plan. It is hoped that the making of a neighbourhood plan for Siddington will give rise to supplementary documents such as design statements.

Informative:

While Neighbourhood Planning is designed to empower communities, and to enable them to develop policies and proposals they deem locally appropriate, Neighbourhood Plans need to be in general conformity with the Local Plan and national planning guidance.

7 Declaration

I hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form, the accompanying map, and any supplementary documentation I have supplied.

Marcia Turner, Chair, Siddington Parish Council
Date: 13th June 2023

Please return this form to:

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