

Neighbourhood Plan Designation Application

Silk Willoughby Parish Council

Date: 31 July 2014

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Silk Willoughby Parish Council hereby submits an application to North Kesteven District Council to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan for Silk Willoughby.

A meeting was held on 14 July 2014 and attended by Local Residents. There was strong support at this meeting for developing a neighbourhood plan. This proposal was subsequently ratified at the Parish Council Meeting on 31 July 2014

Boundary

The boundary of Silk Willoughby's Neighbourhood Plan is shown on the attached map and uses the parish boundary.

Qualifying Body

The Parish Council of Silk Willoughby is the qualifying body to carry out the Neighbourhood Plan. A Steering Group has been established to support the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and will report into the Parish Council.

Scope

The Parish Council consider that it is advantageous for the residents of Silk Willoughby to utilise the powers given to Parishes in the Localism Act 2011 in order to engage their local residents and use local skills and knowledge to create a Neighbourhood Plan to shape the future development of the area. Silk Willoughby Parish Council are also committed to ensuring that the Neighbourhood Plan can be largely supported by the wider community. The Neighbourhood Planning Steering group circulated an initial questionnaire to all the residents of the Parish. Approximately 30% of these questionnaires were returned and the outcome from these questionnaires was used to identify the initial concerns and aspirations of the local residents. The areas outlined below have been identified by the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group as key areas to be addressed within the Neighbourhood Plan; they will require further testing with the wider community and as a result may change.

Issues to address

- Housing
- Employment
- Transportation and Highways
- Public Amenities
- Vistas and Views

Consultation

Local residents and businesses will be consulted throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. This will consist of:

- Continuous awareness raising of the plan's development and progress
- Early consultation on the issues and ideas to take forward
- Consultation on draft vision, objectives and policies in advance of submitting the draft plan to the Council

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A range of methods will be used for communicating and consulting with local residents and businesses. These also recognise and make use of existing formats and networks. It is envisaged that the following will be used:

- Public notices on the 3 public notice boards
- Parish newsletters – delivered to every home in the Parish
- Village Website
- Utilising meetings of existing local groups and organisations
- Door knocking
- All parish meetings will have a slot in every meeting to address Neighbourhood Planning issues

The Steering Group already includes 30 residents of the Parish, who have been engaged in initial discussions with regard to the areas the Neighbourhood Plan should address and it is hoped that this can be developed further as working parties are set up to investigate particular areas of the Plan.