Submission for the re-designation of the South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Forum

Statement on meeting the legal requirements

Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area
The SOUTH WEST KETTERING (HEADLANDS COMMUNITY) NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM (Forum) was designated as such by Kettering Borough Council on 14th October 2015. For the purposes of this application the re-designated name shall remain the same as previously. The Forum shall serve the neighbourhood area known as the SOUTH WEST KETTERING (HEADLANDS COMMUNITY) NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA which was designated on the same date as the Forum (see Appendix 1 – Map of the Neighbourhood Area).

Forum Membership
The Forum was established for the express purpose of promoting and / or improving the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of an area that consists of the Headlands as the spine and bounded by (but excluding) the London Road, Bowling Green Road, Station Road and including St Michael's Road to the south east (See Appendix 1).

The current membership list is attached as Appendix 2 [not available for public viewing]. In accordance with section 61F(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Forum membership is open to all individuals who live and work in the area and elected members whose remit falls within the neighbourhood area concerned. Membership of the Forum includes:

1. representation of individuals who live in the area;
2. business representation and
3. the elected member for the St. Michaels and Wicksteed Ward, Kettering Borough Council

Membership is comprised of 76 individuals and seeks as far as possible to reflect the character of the area.

The main purpose of the Forum is to produce and deliver a Neighbourhood Plan for the Neighbourhood Area and monitor its implementation.

Plan Progress to Date
The Forum was granted an initial 5 year designation by Kettering Borough Council (KBC) on 14th October 2015. Since then work has progressed well with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Regulation 14 Pre-Submission consultation (Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)) took place between Monday 16th December 2019 and Wednesday 19th February 2020. These responses have been taken into account in the final drafting of the plan proposal which the Forum are currently working on with KBC officers. It is anticipated this will be submitted for the Regulation 16 consultation.
in the next few months.

Re-designation of the Forum and Continuing Community Engagement

Upon the announcement of the intention to make an application for the re-designation of the Forum existing Forum members confirmed they wish to continue serving on the committee. The Covid-19 pandemic prevented the Forum from holding of any public gatherings to announce the re-designation process to the wider community. Therefore, to raise awareness and engage with the wider community a promotional leaflet was sent and / or delivered to all residents, businesses and workers in the Neighbourhood Area. The leaflet was also publicised on the South West Kettering (Headlands Community) website and we used our Facebook page to broadcast our intention. We asked for views and comments. We received five comments from these activities all of which supported our intention to re-designate. As a consequence, two new members were enrolled into the Forum membership.

Other Neighbourhood Forums in the Area

There are no other Neighbourhood Forums operating or seeking designation for the South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Area.

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