NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

Background

1. Legislation allows relevant bodies to apply for designation of a neighbourhood area. Those wishing to progress a neighbourhood plan should submit an area application to the local planning authority (i.e. Kettering Borough Council). The authority is then required to publicise the application on the website and in any other manner considered appropriate.

2. The requirements for designation of an area application are set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Regulations 5, 6 and 7. These regulations have recently been amended by the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015. The amendments now require a local authority to carry out public consultation and determine an application within a set of prescribed timescales. Where the application is made by a parish or town council and relates to the whole area of the parish, the consultation is for a period of at least four weeks and a decision must be made within eight weeks from when the application is first advertised.

3. As agreed by Full Council on 22nd April 2015, the decision on whether to accept and designate a neighbourhood area under Part 3 Responsibility for Functions of the Council’s Constitution has been delegated to the Head of Development Services, in the following circumstances:
   i. Where the application is made by a town or parish council and the application relates to the whole area of the town or parish council; and
   ii. There are no unresolved objections to the neighbourhood plan area designation.

4. This statement considers the designation of Great Cransley parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Process of Consultation

5. The Neighbourhood Plan Area application follows the parish boundary, a copy of which is attached to this statement. A four week consultation commenced on Monday 13th April and closed on Monday 11th May 2015. The following consultation processes were undertaken to publicise the application:

   (a) A copy of the neighbourhood area application was published on the Council’s website.
   (b) All adjoining parish councils were informed in writing.
(c) A public notice was posted on the parish notice board and displayed in other locations around the village.
(d) A statutory notice was placed in the Evening Telegraph newspaper.

6. There have been no written representations made to Kettering Borough Council raising objections to the application to designate the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Approval

7. In accordance with the above, I approve the application to formally designate Great Cransley parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Signature

Dated: ..........27th May 2015..............

Rob Harbour, Head of Development Services