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PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA
Capability of Proposing Body Being A Qualifying Body

The neighbourhood area proposals are put forward by the proposed South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Forum (SWK(HC)NF). An application to approve the neighbourhood forum has been submitted simultaneously with this application to designate the neighbourhood area.

The SWK(HC)NF has been established for the express purpose of developing a Neighbourhood Plan to promote or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being 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 – the proposed neighbourhood area

Membership is open to all individuals who live and work in the area, ward councillors and individuals who are elected members

The initiating Group started discussions with the KBC Councillors and the Ward NCC Representative. This was followed by conversations with the Planning Officers of KBC. From these initial discussions the proposed area was drawn up. The area is predominately residential. There is a mix of housing types with the majority privately owned. There is a group of professional service companies, three schools, a small retail presence, two religious centres and a care home and sheltered accommodation. The Forum at its start has a representative of the professional service companies and the schools.

An initial consultation on the principles of a Neighbourhood Plan was carried out across the proposed neighbourhood area. This was done by leafleting all the premises and inviting all to join the Forum at its first meeting.

The first meeting of the Forum was held on 27th March 2015. It was attended by 53 members. The neighbourhood area was debated and the proposed boundary passed unanimously.

The Forum now has 95 members. The members bring a range on expertise including planning, finance marketing, project management, information management, education. The geographical spread of the members is attached as an appendix. These have been drawn from the neighbourhood area and are representative of the make up of the area. It has a business representative and a councillor as members. It has a Constitution and elected a Management Committee to progress work on behalf of the Forum. A Bank Account has been established.