
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

PART 2

Neighbourhood Areas

Application for designation of a neighbourhood area

5.—(1) Where a relevant body⁽¹⁾ submits an area application to the local planning authority it must include—

- (a) a map which identifies the area to which the area application relates;
- (b) a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and
- (c) a statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

(2) A local planning authority may decline to consider an area application if the relevant body has already made an area application and a decision has not yet been made on that application.

Publicising an area application

6. As soon as possible after receiving an area application from a relevant body, a local planning authority must publicise the following on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the area application to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the area to which the area application relates—

- (a) a copy of the area application;
- (b) details of how to make representations; and
- (c) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised.

Publicising a designation of a neighbourhood area etc

7.—(1) As soon as possible after designating a neighbourhood area, a local planning authority must publish the following on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the designation to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—

- (a) the name of the neighbourhood area;
- (b) a map which identifies the area; and
- (c) the name of the relevant body who applied for the designation.

(1) For the definition of “relevant body” see section 61G(2) of the 1990 Act (inserted by paragraph 2 of Schedule 9 to the Localism Act 2011 (c.20)).

(2) As soon as possible after deciding to refuse to designate a neighbourhood area, a local planning authority must publish the following on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the refusal to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area —

- (a) a document setting out the decision and a statement of their reasons for making that decision (“the decision document”); and
- (b) details of where and when the decision document may be inspected.