

Seer Green Parish Council's Application for a Neighbourhood Area

Background

Seer Green Parish Council's Application to declare the entire Parish area as a Neighbourhood Area was publicised by Chiltern District Council via:

- a) the Application and background information being displayed on Chiltern District Council's website from 25st September 2015 to 26th October 2015;
- b) e-mail notification sent out to all Chiltern District Council members and senior officers on 23rd September 2015;
- c) registered consultees on the Council's Planning Policy Consultation Database who provided an e-mail address were notified by e-mail on 25th September 2015;
- d) other registered consultees on the Council's Planning Policy Consultation Database were notified by letter sent out on 25th September 2015;
- e) a joint press release with Seer Green Parish Council was issued on 23rd September 2015 and was also reported on the 'getbucks' website (www.getbucks.co.uk) on 23rd September 2015.

In addition Seer Green Parish Council:

- a) provided details of the Application on the 'News' page of The Seer Green Parish website (www.seergreenparishcouncil.gov.uk); and
- b) displayed a public notice on all the Parish Notice Boards from 25th September 2015.

The consultation period ran from 25th September to 26th October 2015, (in excess of the minimum four week requirement).

The table below sets out a summary of the representations received during the consultation period:

Representation Type	Count
Supporting Representations	3
No objections	0
Conditional No Objections	1
Objections	0
Neutral Representations	6
TOTAL	10

The representations themselves are summarised on the next page.

Seer Green Neighbourhood Area was declared by Chiltern District Council on 5th November 2015 by the Council's Head of Sustainable Development under delegated authority after consultation with the local ward member and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Sustainable Development.

Graham Winwright,
Planning Policy Manager, Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils

Summary of Representations Received On/Before 26th October 2015

	Representation From	Summary of the Representation	Comment/ Conclusion
1	Nigel Edward-Few	I am entirely supportive of this application.	Support
2	Victoria Bankes Price Woodland Trust	The Woodland Trust is very supportive of the concept of neighbourhood planning it is of particular importance to communities like Seer Green where irreplaceable ancient woodland is present. More information is available on our website.	Support
3	Oliver Varney Equality and Human Rights Commission	Local, parish and town councils and other public authorities, as well as organisations exercising public functions, have obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) in the Equality Act 2010.	Neutral
4	Barbara Hodgkinson	I cannot see much can be wrong in the Parish taking over this area unless the people in Seer Green don't want this to happen.	Conditional No Objection
5	Trish Carter-Lyons Hertfordshire County Council, Minerals and Waste Team	Hertfordshire County Council as Minerals and Waste Planning Authority does not have any comments to make.	Neutral
6	James Hughes Natural England	<p>Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Plans where the Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum considers our interests would be affected by the proposals.</p> <p>If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), we advise that you take account of the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area.</p> <p>National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity.</p> <p>The plan should consider impact to: protected species and Local Wildlife Sites and promote opportunities for enhancing the natural environment. Further guidance is available through the Natural England's (and partners) websites.</p>	Neutral

	Representation From	Summary of the Representation	Comment/ Conclusion
7	Helen Griffiths Chalfont St Giles Parish Council	Chalfont St Giles Parish Council have no representations to make.	Neutral
8	Andrew Hiley Transport for London	TfL have no comments to make.	Neutral
9	Clark Gordon The Environment Agency	The Environment Agency have no comment to make. We have attached this response a guide published by the Environment Agency, Natural England, Forestry Commission and English Heritage - 'Planning for the Environment at Neighbourhood Level'.	Neutral
10	Martin Small Historic England	Historic England has no objection to the proposal. Historic England wants to support you in helping communities protect what they care about and provide advice on heritage matters. Guidance is available from Historic England. Should you wish to discuss any points within this letter, or if there are issues about the historic environment in this particular Neighbourhood Plan Area, please do not hesitate to contact me.	Support