

Chesham Town Council's Application for a Neighbourhood Area

Decision Notice

Background

On the 18th November 2019 Chesham Town Council submitted a Neighbourhood Area Application to declare the entire Town Council area as a Neighbourhood Area.

The Chesham Town Council's application was submitted under the Regulation 5A inserted into the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations¹ by regulations² which came into force on the 1st October 2016.

The effect of Regulation 5A is that if a parish council (note for the purposes of the regulations Chesham Town Council is a Parish Council) submits a Neighbourhood Area Application to include the whole of its parish area within the Neighbourhood Area the Local Planning Authority (Chiltern District Council in this case) has to use its powers under the Act³ to designate the Neighbourhood Area.

In addition, the regulations state that where a parish has submitted a Neighbourhood Area application to include the whole of its parish in the neighbourhood area that the Local Planning Authority is not required to consult or publicise the Neighbourhood Area Application. Therefore, Chiltern District Council has not carried out any publicity of the Neighbourhood Area Application.

Formal Neighbourhood Area Application Decision

Under Chiltern District Council's delegated authority (Cabinet, 23rd September 2014) the Head of Planning and Economic Development on 14th January 2020 determined in consultation with local ward members and the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning and Economic Development to declare that the whole of Chesham Town Council area has now been designated as a Neighbourhood Area in accordance with Regulation 5A of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended.

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¹ The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

² The Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016

³ Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990