



Designation of Neighbourhood Area

Please note that the information provided on this form will be published on the Cotswold District Council's website. If you require clarification, please contact neighbourhood.planning@cotswold.gov.uk

1. Name of proposed Neighbourhood Area

Parish of Somerford Keynes (new parish boundary)

2. Parish Clerk details

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3. Relevant body

Please confirm that you are a relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area.

Somerford Keynes Parish Council

In accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and Section 5C of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, only a town or parish council is able to act as the lead body for neighbourhood planning within Cotswold District. Where a proposed area includes part or whole of a neighbouring parish or parishes, the parish council can only act as lead for the neighbourhood area where the neighbouring parish council(s) have given their consent.

If your proposal includes part or whole of a neighbouring parish or parishes, please list below, and supply signed confirmation of their consent.

**The proposed designated area follows the new parish boundary of the Parish of Somerford Keynes, which has been approved as part of the recent review of boundaries on 7 February 2014 for implementation with effect from 1 April 2015.
The proposed boundary is shown on the accompanying map.**

4. Intention of neighbourhood area

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Neighbourhood Development Order

Community Right to Build Order

This section is a statement of intent only, and does not restrict you from developing a plan or order at a later date. However, it will be easier for the Council to determine how it can best assist you if you are able to give an indication of intent at this stage.

5. Proposed area

5.1 Please indicate below, and attach a map showing the extent of the area

Whole parish boundary

Part of parish

Joint with neighing parish(es)

6. Please complete the following to enable us to publicise your proposal appropriately.

The boxes below will automatically expand as you type or paste in text.

6.1 (i) Please provide a short statement, setting out the background to your submission: how this proposal has come about, and what it is trying to achieve.

(ii) Please provide an explanation of why you have chosen to develop a Neighbourhood Plan, Neighbourhood Development Order or Community Right to Build.

Note: This information will help us publicise your proposal, and respond to enquiries from the wider community about your intentions.

The parish of Somerford Keynes is situated in the heart of the Cotswold Water Park and is within easy reach of Cirencester and large towns such as Cheltenham and Swindon. Within the parish is the village of Somerford Keynes and the hamlet of Shorncote, both of which are traditional, attractive Cotswold settlements, as well as the Lower Mill Estate, a modern second home estate.

Following extensive gravel extraction, the traditional settlements are surrounded by lakes which now house tourist attractions and holiday home developments.

In preparing this Plan the Parish Council is mindful of the need to re-balance the demographic structure of the community, which is older than the Cotswold average, in order to ensure sustainability in the future. The vision for the Plan is directed at addressing this issue through focus on housing needs of current residents and future provision to attract new people to provide a more balanced demographic distribution. Inter alia, the Plan will investigate how amenities, the local economy and infrastructure may be developed to improve the lives of its residents and maintain a pleasant environment in which to live work and visit.

6.2 (i) Please provide a short statement on why the boundary described by this submission and the accompanying map is appropriate.

(ii) What has informed and been taken into account in reaching a decision on the proposed boundary?

Note: Please consider whether existing parish boundaries are appropriate for a Neighbourhood Plan, given the location of key facilities and possible development sites. Have you discussed your plans with neighbouring parishes?

The parish of Somerford Keynes includes a number of key settlements (Somerford Keynes, Shorncote and Lower Mill Estate) as well as agricultural land and many lakes. The Parish Council has decided to proceed with a Plan based on its parish boundary for a number of reasons:

- the settlements within the parish are considerably smaller than its neighbouring Parish Councils (South Cerney and Ashton Keynes) and as a consequence its housing needs will be different
- the County boundary divides Somerford Keynes Parish Council from some of its neighbours and this introduces unnecessary complexity

6.3 Please provide a short statement on how your proposal will fit with any other plans prepared by your community.

Note: Is your intention to replace or supplement existing plans such as Community or parish plans, village design statements etc?

In 2012, the latest Parish Plan for the Parish of Somerford Keynes was completed. Following advice received from Gloucestershire Rural Communities Council, the consultation carried out to produce the Parish Plan is to be used as a basis for the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Where required, further consultation will be carried out for area such as housing.

Therefore, the Neighbourhood Development Plan that is to be produced will have built on the work undertaken to create the Parish Plan.

Informative:

While Neighbourhood Planning is designed to empower communities, and to enable them to develop policies and proposals they deem locally appropriate, Neighbourhood Plans need to be in general conformity with the Local Plan and national planning guidance.

7 Declaration

I hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form, the accompanying map, and any supplementary documentation I have supplied.

Date:

Please return this form to:

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