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Neighbourhood Development Plan Area Designation

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Following an application from Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish Council and subsequent statutory consultation on the body's relevance to make the application and the appropriateness of the proposed designation for a Ruishton & Thornfalcon Neighbourhood Plan; Taunton Deane Borough Council as the Planning Authority approves the designation as detailed below.

Relevant Bodies

Under Section 61F (authorisation to act in relation to neighbourhood areas) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Parish Council is a 'relevant body' for the purpose of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan and are therefore qualified to do so. The Council therefore has no ruling to make in this matter.

Neighbourhood Plan Area

Under Section 61G (meaning of "neighbourhood area") the Local Authority has considered the proposed designation. The proposed Neighbourhood Area follows the Parish boundaries, and is likely to include a small area of a future strategic employment site. The principle of the employment site was set out in the TDBC Core Strategy and the Council intends bringing the Strategic Employment site forward through the Local Development Order (LDO) process.

The Neighbourhood Plan must be in conformity with the strategic development plan document (adopted Core Strategy). It is the Council's view that there therefore should be no conflict between the neighbourhood plan and the Core Strategy. An LDO grants planning permission and is likely to be adopted ahead of a neighbourhood plan there therefore there should be no conflict between it and the neighbourhood plan.

In addition, no objections to the proposed area were received.

Therefore the Council designates the Neighbourhood Plan Area as the whole of the Parish of Ruishton & Thornfalcon.

The rationale for designating the area as proposed is consistent with the Council's approach in other Neighbourhood Plan Areas where strategic development sites are located.

In accordance with Regulation 7 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Taunton Deane Borough Council is publicising its decision on the designation of the Neighbourhood Area.

If you have any questions in relation to this please contact the Policy Team either via; e-mail to talkingtomorrows@tauntondeane.gov.uk, telephone 01823 356484, or in writing to Policy Team, Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton, TA1 1EU