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## News release

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### Ruishton and Thornfalcon plan for the future

Ruishton and Thornfalcon Parish Council is planning to undertake a combined Neighbourhood Plan for their parishes, becoming the seventh in Taunton Deane to take up the opportunity.

The Parish Council has submitted an application to the Borough Council for the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area. Consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan Area starts on 28 May 2016 for six weeks.

Before making a decision on the Neighbourhood Plan Area the Council would like to hear from any interested parties on whether the area proposed is appropriate.

Ruishton and Thornfalcon follows Creech St Michael, Trull and Staplehay, Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone and West Monkton and Cheddon Fitzpaine in embarking on a neighbourhood plan.

The Bishops Lydeard plan has recently been subject to a parish referendum when a majority of those who voted were in favour of its adoption.

Councillor Roger Habgood, Executive Councillor for Planning, said: "I welcome another parish taking part in the Neighbourhood Plan process. We have just seen the successful outcome of teamwork in Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone.

"I would like to thank the community in Ruishton and Thornfalcon in advance for the hard work and dedication that goes hand in hand with neighbourhood planning."

The application details, a response form, as well as general information on Neighbourhood Planning can be found on the Borough Council's website at: <http://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan>

Paper copies will also be available to view at Planning Reception, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton, TA1 1HE during normal office hours.

The area to be covered by the Creech St Michael neighbourhood plan has been designated by the Council after considering representations received during consultation on the parish council's proposed neighbourhood area. The entire parish has been designated as the neighbourhood plan area and the Council is publicising its decision.

Creech St Michael became the sixth neighbourhood plan area to be designated.

Details of the neighbourhood plan area can be found on the Council's web site at: <http://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan/csm> General information on Neighbourhood Planning can be found on the Borough Council's website at: <http://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan>

Under the Localism Act, communities have been given the chance to help shape the way their areas grow and develop and a neighbourhood plan brings their ideas together. The plan must look at the use of land, whether for homes, shops, business or recreation - such as play areas - and can influence development and allocate sites. It cannot be used to restrict or prevent development.

## **Ends**

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