

Application for the Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

Having considered the matter at Parish Council meetings and taken advice from the Planning Department of EDDC the Parish Council has applied for the “Designation of a Neighbourhood Area”. This is financially beneficial to the Parish and is the essential first step in the preparatory consideration towards producing a “Neighbourhood Plan” which requires a great deal of expertise and finance but would give the Parish Council influence over proposed development in terms of future design and character of new buildings. Conversely, the Parish Council feels that ignoring this opportunity would mean that it would have little or no influence in the years ahead, potentially leaving Aylesbeare vulnerable to inappropriate development.

In making this application members of the Parish Council were asked to explain why they wished to make this application and they responded as follows:

“The village of Aylesbeare is in the centre of the Parish and the surveys carried out in 2012 & 2013 clearly indicate future development to be centrally located to give a heart to the village. The Parish Council, embracing the spirit of the Localism Act and Neighbourhood Planning, would like to establish dialogue with land owners and EDDC, so as have an influence over the future design and character of proposed development looking forward”.

The full application can be seen on the Parish Council website and on the main notice boards in the Parish. The consultation period closes on 1 September 2014 and anyone is invited to make comments on this proposal, in writing, to Planning Policy, EDDC, Knowle, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL.

Councillor David Timms

On behalf of Aylesbeare Parish Council