

# West Berkshire Council

## Neighbourhood Area Designation Application form

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area  
Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Please note that the information provided on this application form will be published on the Council's website. If you require further clarification, please email [planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk)

### 1. Single point of contact regarding the Neighbourhood Plan:

Title:	Mr	First Name:	Andrew	Surname:	Bunyan
Address (inc. postcode):					
Telephone:					
Email:					
Position in relation to Neighbourhood area application:	Chair of the steering group				

### 2. Parish Clerk Details (if different from above):

Title:	Ms	First Name:	Nicky	Surname:	Pierce
Address (inc. postcode):					
Telephone:					
Email:	hermitagepc@outlook.com				

### 3. Relevant Body:

Please confirm that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act<sup>1</sup> and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations<sup>2</sup>

Yes	✓	No	
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Name of Relevant Body:	Hermitage Parish Council
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*Note: in areas covered by a town or parish council, the town or parish council is the relevant body. For applications covering more than one parish area, please nominate a lead parish to act as the Relevant Body.*

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/enacted>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2012/637/part/2/made>

If your area is not covered by a parish council (only a parish meeting), please contact the Planning Policy Team before making your application.

**4. Name of Neighbourhood Area:**

Please give the name by which your Neighbourhood Area will be formally known:

Hermitage
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**5. Extent of area:**

Please attach an OS plan showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and indicate below the relationship of the proposed area to parish boundaries.

Proposed Area covers the whole of a single parish boundary area:	✓
Proposed area covers part of a single parish boundary area:	
Proposed area covers multiple parish boundary areas:	

**6. Areas covering more than one parish area:**

If the proposed Neighbourhood Area covers more than one parish, please list the parishes covered by the area application, the extent of the parish included and obtain consent from the parish by getting them to sign below:

Name of Town/Parish Council	
Extent of parish included in Neighbourhood Area	
Name and Position	
Signature	

*Please add additional boxes if required*

**7. Intention of neighbourhood area:**

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area

Neighbourhood Development Plan	✓
Neighbourhood Development Order	
Community Right to Build Order	

**8. Reasons for considering the area appropriate:**

Please describe below why you consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area:

The village of Hermitage is a distinct area with a clearly marked boundary and settlement area as on the enclosed map which shows green space between Hermitage and its neighbouring villages. It is a service village wholly within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There is only a very modest amount of employment in the village since the brick works closed some time ago leaving a brown field site. Within the last 20 years this site and the former Arena seating/cold storage site have undergone intense development for housing. other new housing being on garden infill sites. Hermitage has a primary school, a church, two pubs and a small shop with Post Office. Planning permission has just been granted (March 2019) for a Co-op store on a brown field site left by a used car showroom. Hermitage is a distinctive and growing village and fits the criteria for designation as a neighbourhood area.

**9. Supporting Information**

Please provide details of why you would like to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan and what you would like the Neighbourhood Plan to deliver for the Neighbourhood Area


Hermitage Parish Council strongly supports Neighbourhood Development Plans and believes creating such a plan will benefit the village. The village is growing and, as in many places, the need for housing is providing its own pressures so pieces of land of all shapes and sizes are being considered as building plots. Housing is needed; Hermitage is a desirable place to live and there is no wish to prevent progress and growth. But how new development takes place, why and the impact of the finished projects concerns residents and HPC wants to give them this opportunity to shape the future of their built environment.

HPC expects creation of a NDP will offer greater influence on housing, open space, play areas, employment, environmental, leisure, social and transport issues including cycle routes; encourage residents to engage with the future development of the parish; give the community ownership of policies and plans for the future development; bring greater cooperation across the community, its parish council, West Berkshire Council and the various agencies involved.

The 2004 Village Design Statement is woefully out of date and no longer fit for purpose. The 2013 Parish Plan has been implemented in full. It is the right time for Hermitage to again consult with the community to look to the future and decide on its new environment.

**10. Declaration:**

I/We hereby apply to designate a Neighbourhood Area as described on this form and the accompanying plan

Name	Ruth Cottingham Chairman HPC
Date	25.03.19
Signature	

Please return your application form to:

Planning Policy,  
 Development and Planning,  
 West Berkshire Council,  
 Market Street,  
 Newbury,

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# West Berkshire Online Map

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