

## **Chalfont St Giles Parish Council's Application for a Neighbourhood Area**

### **Background**

Chalfont St Giles Parish Council's Application to declare the entire Parish area as a Neighbourhood Area was publicised by Chiltern District Council via:

- a) the Application and background information being displayed on Chiltern District Council's website from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012
- b) e-mail notification sent out to all Chiltern District Council members and senior officers on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012
- c) registered consultees on the Council's Consultation Database who provided an e-mail address were notified by e-mail on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012
- d) other registered consultees on the Council's Consultation Database were notified by letter sent out on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012
- e) a joint press release with Chalfont St Giles Parish Council was issued on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and was reported on the front page of the Buckinghamshire Advertiser on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- f) an article in Chiltern and South Bucks November 2012 Sustainability Bulletin.

In addition Chalfont St Giles Parish Council:

- a) provided details of the Application on The Chalfont St Giles Community Parish website, Parish Council page
- b) displayed a public notice on all the Parish Notice Boards from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012.

The consultation period ran from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012 (i.e. in excess of the minimum six week requirement).

The attached table sets out summary representations received on or before 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012. The table shows:

Supporting Representations	3
No objection	1
Conditional No Objection	1
Objections	1
Neutral Representation	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

Chalfont St Giles Neighbourhood Area was declared by Chiltern District Council on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012 by the Council's Head of Sustainable Development under delegated authority after consultation with the local ward members and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning.

Graham Winwright, Temporary Planning Policy Manager

**Summary of Representations Received On/Before 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

	<b>Representation From</b>	<b>Summary of the Representation</b>	<b>Comment/Conclusion</b>
1.	South Bucks District Council	No comments to make	<b>Neutral</b>
2.	Highways Agency	No comment at this time	<b>Neutral</b>
3.	Aylesbury Vale District Council	No comments to make	<b>Neutral</b>
4.	Chilterns Conservation Board	The Board has no comments to make about the application	<b>Neutral</b>
5.	Karoline Lamb	Please explain how villagers could be involved. How many people could challenge a plan? How will people be informed that they can have a say in any development?	<b>Neutral</b> Questions answered.
6.	Network Rail	No objection in principle but would have concerns that there might be proposals that take place in the area that affect Network Rail access points and infrastructure.	<b>No Objection</b> Network Rail advice and request to be consulted relayed to the Parish Council
7.	Mr John Slatter	No objection with the proviso that any additional costs incurred by the District Council should be funded by the Parish Council and not be paid from the District rates	<b>Conditional No Objection</b>
8.	Buckinghamshire County Council	Supportive of this logical proposal which is supportive of localism. The Parish Council is well placed to represent the needs, views and requirements of residents and the proposal should foster positive working relationships with and between local communities. Creating a single Neighbourhood Area should result in efficient joint working and enhance the future of Chalfont St Giles as a whole. Pleased to note a dedicated Neighbourhood Plan team and anticipates the viewing of drafts of the Plan.	<b>Supportive</b>

9.	Jordans Village Limited	Wish to support the application.	<b>Supportive</b>
10.	Chalfont St Peter Parish Council	Fully supports Chalfont St Giles to be designated a Neighbourhood Area with the intention of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. It is believed that the whole Parish is the correct area to be designated and that Chalfont St Giles Parish Council and others are the correct body to carry out this work.	<b>Supportive</b>
11.	Thames Water	As a utility infrastructure provider for the area we would welcome early discussions with the parish on the preparation of the plan.	<b>Neutral</b>
12.	Natural England	Acknowledge intention to commence work on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan and would like to draw attention to guidance from the Environment Agency, English Heritage, Forestry Commission and Natural England	<b>Neutral</b>
13.	Mr G. E. Donaldson	<p>Do we really need another tier of bureaucracy in the planning system? Something that will inevitably lead to greater expenditure for little or no gain?</p> <p>We already have a Core Strategy, a National Planning Policy Framework and probably others. I understand that a Neighbourhood Plan must comply with the former, so where is the advantage?</p> <p>Giving everyone a say in my experience never works out in practice. It is always he who shouts loudest who gets his way.</p> <p>I am not disposed to give CSG Parish Council power over planning matters. They have no history. The Council purchased Garden Field for £50,000 “to prevent it from being developed” to become a nature reserve or similar. The next the villagers hear is that the land has</p>	

		been sold for £5 and is now covered by affordable housing.	
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