

Letter on Loggerheads Parish Council headed paper to Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council.

Dear Sir

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 61G
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 – SECTION 38(6)
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REGULATIONS 2012

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA
LOGGERHEADS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Loggerheads Parish Council wishes to apply for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area with the intention being to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the village community of Loggerheads [and surrounding areas./Ashley Heath](#). A plan is attached to confirm the extent of the designation proposed.

It is considered that the area is appropriate for designation because it covers both the main developed heart of the village which is designated as a “Key Rural Service Centre” and areas generally considered likely to continue to be the subject of continuing pressures for development. It is a matter of record that the Parish Council considers the designation of the settlement as a “Key Rural Service Centre” to be inappropriate due to its not being sustainable due to a lack of infrastructure and community facilities. The Parish Council believes that work is currently under way on the preparation of a new Development Plan to cover both Stoke on Trent City Council and Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council and that this will in due course, constitute the Development Plan for the purposes of Section 38(6) of the 2004 Act.

The intention of the Parish Council will be to seek conformity with the current Development Plan and any updates which may be accepted during a review/update of the Development Plan. This will need to be done in such a

way as to ensure that any development considered necessary will benefit the parish and its residents and will have objectives expressed through firm contractual arrangements in anticipation of necessary physical and social infrastructure [and facilities](#).

It is intended that this Neighbourhood Plan will therefore:

- Provide a clear community-led vision for the area informed by the extant Parish Plan and more recent Neighbourhood Statement;
- Translate the vision into specific objectives;
- Express these objectives as planning policies; and
- Validate this with an evidence base that includes the results of community engagement.

It is therefore considered appropriate to initiate the process of preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council is self evidently an appropriate relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act.

We look forward to hearing from you on behalf of the Local Planning Authority. It would be appreciated if early liaison can be arranged with the relevant officer of your Council for general advice about possible sources of grant aid and professional support generally.

Yours faithfully

Loggerheads Parish Council