

WOODHAM WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

Matthew Winslow
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22nd July 2024

Dear Mr Winslow

Application for Designation as a Neighbourhood Area

At the Ordinary Meeting of Woodham Walter Parish Council held on Monday 8th July 2024, Councillors resolved to write to the Local Planning Authority to seek approval for designation as a Neighbourhood Area.

It is confirmed that Woodham Walter Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act.

This Council believes that the area as detailed on the map enclosed, is appropriate to be a designated Neighbourhood Area for the following reasons:

- Following recent public meetings in connection with proposed development of housing and mineral extraction, in Woodham Walter (WW), it is clear that there is a community appetite to retain the Arcadian rural environment of the Village. The concern being that the Village could be subsumed into a suburb of Maldon or an extension of Danbury thereby losing its rural nature by becoming urban.
- To develop a shared vision for its neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of the local area.
- The production of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is a tremendous opportunity to improve matters particularly in determining planning applications.
- NP will be focused on the needs specifically of WW and allow the local community to specify what it expects from development. This could include building design, affordable housing, and allocating sites/locations for possible future development.

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- NP will offer direction to planning applicants and decision makers about the potential, if any, for development and clear policies on what will or will not be permitted and where.
- Provide opportunity for the community of WW to set out a positive vision for the future community development over the next 10-20 years in ways that meet identified local needs made coherent for local people. A NP can put in place planning policies that will help deliver that vision for the development they want to see.
- Provide an opportunity to work with other members of the community, including businesses, who are interested in, or affected by, the NP proposals to allow them to play an active role in preparing a NP.

Please find enclosed a map of the Parish of Woodham Walter (WW) which identifies the application area.

Woodham Walter Parish Council ask that Maldon District Council consider our request for designation as a Neighbourhood Area within the timescales directed by The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

If you require any further information do please let us know.

Yours sincerely

J Bannerman

Jacky Bannerman, CiLCA
Parish Clerk/RFO
Woodham Walter Parish Council



cc Anne Altoft-Shoreland – Head of Planning Policy & Implementation
cc Michael Johnson – Head of Development Management & Building Control
cc Cllr. Simon Morgan – District Ward Member
cc Cllr. Mark Durham – District Ward Member

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Map of Woodham Walter showing the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area.

