

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Application to designate the Westfield Neighbourhood Area**

An application for the designation of Westfield neighbourhood area has been received from Westfield Parish Council.

Please note this is a formal regulatory stage on the designation of the neighbourhood area and not consultation on the neighbourhood plan itself which may follow in due course.

Comments can be made on the application during the consultation period starting **on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March-Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015.**


Following this consultation period Bath & North East Somerset Council will consider the comments received in determining the application to ensure that the area is appropriate. The decision will be published on the Council's website.

To make a representation on the proposed neighbourhood area we encourage people to view the consultation on-line [www.bathnes.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning)

You can respond to the consultation by emailing us at [planning\\_policy@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:planning_policy@bathnes.gov.uk) or write to us at the address above. Please note that your comments will be kept on a public file and they may be reproduced publicly.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours faithfully,

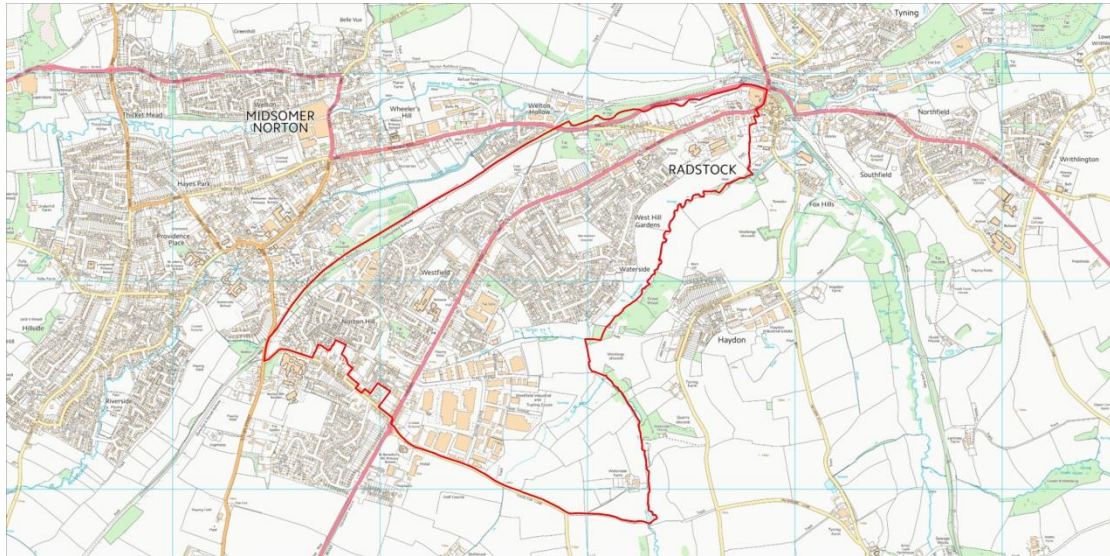


Lisa Bartlett  
Divisional Director Planning Development

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

## **Application for Designation of Westfield Neighbourhood Area**

We have received an application for the designation of Westfield Parish as a neighbourhood area from the Parish Council.



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*Proposed Westfield Neighbourhood Area*

You can view and make comments on this proposal on our website at:  
[www.bathnes.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning)

You can also make comments by email ([planning\\_policy@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:planning_policy@bathnes.gov.uk)) or by writing to us at Planning Policy (Neighbourhood Planning), PO Box 5006, Bath, BA1 1JG.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS IS: 17:00 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Application to Designate a Neighbourhood Area  
(for Parish / Town Councils)  
Localism Act 2011  
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

*Please Note: Before completing this application, all groups are urged to consult Bath & North East Somerset's Neighbourhood Planning Protocol (available [online](#) and from the One-Stop-Shop on Manvers Street, Bath). This document sets out the purpose of and procedure for designating a neighbourhood area and drafting a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order. It is important that you read this guidance as incorrect completion will delay the processing of your application.*

Please note that all the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents will be published on the Authority's website. If you require any assistance, advice or clarification, please contact the Planning Policy team.

*[Please write in block capitals and black ink]*

<b>1) Name of Neighbourhood Area</b>			
Westfield			
<b>2) Parish / Town Council Chair Details</b>			
<b>Title:</b>	Cllr	<b>First Name:</b>	Geoff
<b>Surname:</b>	Fuller		
<b>House / Flat:</b>			
<b>Address 1:</b>	[REDACTED]		
<b>Address 2:</b>	[REDACTED]		
<b>Address 3:</b>			
<b>Town:</b>			
<b>County:</b>			
<b>Postcode:</b>	[REDACTED]		
<b>Daytime Number:</b>	[REDACTED]		
<b>Mobile Number:</b>	[REDACTED]		
<b>Email:</b>	[REDACTED]		
<b>3) Relevant Body:</b> Please confirm that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act and 5C of the 2012 Regulations			
<b>Yes:</b>	Confirmed	<b>Name of Parish / Town Council:</b>	Westfield Parish Council
<b>No:</b>			



<b>4) Extent of Area:</b> Please indicate below and attach an OS plan showing the intended extent of the area.	
<b>Whole Parish / Town Boundary area:</b>	Whole parish of Westfield
<b>Part of Parish / Town Boundary area:</b>	
<b>Joint with neighbouring Parish within B&amp;NES:</b> (Please complete details in section 7 below if applying as joint parishes)	
<b>Please describe below why you considered the extent of the neighbourhood area is appropriate (100 words max)</b>	
<p>We would like the extent of the neighbourhood area to reflect the entire Parish of Westfield to help consolidate and promote the concept of Westfield as a Parish in its own right, with its own history, needs and aspirations.</p> <p>The 2011 Census shows that Westfield has its own unique demographic profile and a Neighbourhood Plan to meet the needs of the parishioners is essential if Westfield is to improve as a place to live and work. A large industrial estate on one side of the parish is balanced with a variety of housing types, some very modern, others reflecting the mining heritage of this area.</p> <p>Westfield has suffered over the years from a lack of investment in its infrastructure. By emerging now as a separate parish it is a wonderful opportunity, for the first time ever, to consider the needs of Westfield.</p>	
<b>5) Intention of Neighbourhood Area:</b>	
Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area.	
<b>Neighbourhood Development Plan:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Neighbourhood Development Order:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Right to Build Order:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6) Additional joint Parish Details:</b>	
If you are applying with an adjoining parish or parishes please give the clerk's details for each parish.	
<b>7) Declaration</b>	
I / we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and the accompanying plan.	
In the case of joint parish applications, names from each parish would need to complete an application.	

Names		Date (DD/MM/YY)	3.2.15

**Notification of Decision Regarding the Application for Designation of Neighbourhood Area under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.**

**Applicant:**

Westfield Parish Council

**Application:**

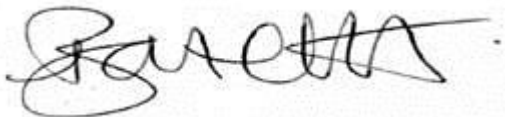
Application for the Designation of Westfield Neighbourhood Area

**Pursuant to the Bath & North East Somerset Council's *My Neighbourhood: A Neighbourhood Planning Protocol for B&NES*, the Divisional Director: Development, Planning and Transport Development is authorised to consider area designation applications for Neighbourhood Planning and if appropriate approve applications.**

**Decision:**

**The Designation of the Westfield Neighbourhood Area is approved** in accordance with section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning. The reasons for this decision are set out in the accompanying 'Neighbourhood Area Designation Application Report'.

Signed:



**Lisa Bartlett**

**Divisional Director - Development**

Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015

## **Bath & North East Somerset Council**

### **Neighbourhood Area Designation Application Report – Officers Decision acting under delegated powers**

<b>Date of application advertisement</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> March 2015</b>
<b>Date of decision</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April 2015</b>
<b>Name of proposed Neighbourhood Area</b>	<b>Westfield</b>

#### **1. Introduction**

1.1 Pursuant to the Bath & North East Somerset Council's My Neighbourhood: Neighbourhood Planning Protocol, the Director for Development, Planning and Transport Development is authorised to consider area designation applications for Neighbourhood Planning and if appropriate approve applications.

#### **2. Background**

2.1 The power to designate a Neighbourhood Area is exercisable under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Under Regulation 5(1) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (which came into force on 6 April 2012) an area application has to include a map which identifies the area to which the application relates, a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area and a statement that the body making the application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G(2) of the 1990 Act.

2.2 Westfield Parish Council is the 'relevant body' (for the purposes of section 61G (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) and submitted an application for the designation of Westfield Neighbourhood Area. The application is for the whole Parish Council area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning and so satisfies section 61G(3) of the Act. The submission of the application complied with the regulations.

#### **3. Procedure**

3.1 Under section 61H of the 1990 Act whenever a local planning authority exercises powers under section 61G to designate an area as a neighbourhood area, consideration must be given to whether the authority should designate the area concerned as a business area. The designation of the specified area can only occur if the authority considers that the area is wholly or predominately business in nature [Section 61H (3)].

3.2 If the application for the Designation of this Neighbourhood Area is approved, then Regulation 7(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012 requires the designation to be publicised. If the application is refused, reasons must be given under 61G(9) of the 1990 Act and Regulation 7(2) of the Regulations requires the decision to be publicised.

#### **4. Consideration as to whether or not to designate**

4.1 In determining the application for the designation as a Neighbourhood Area. Regard must be had to the desirability of designating the whole area.

- 4.2 The issue is whether or not the specified area is an 'appropriate area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area'.
- 4.3 The fact that the designation of the Westfield Neighbourhood Area would allow a Neighbourhood Plan to be prepared does not form part of the determination of this application.

## **5. Reasoning for Designation**

- 5.1 The proposed area for designation which includes the whole Parish Council area is considered appropriate, as it will enable a Neighbourhood Plan to allocate and identify non-strategic development sites across the plan area and to provide a locally distinctive policy framework to complement that provided by the emerging B&NES Core Strategy.
- 5.2 The specified area falls completely within the Council's area.
- 5.3 The application for designation as a Neighbourhood Area was publicised for over six weeks between 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
- 5.4 No responses were made within the consultation period.

## **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 It is considered that the specified area is coherent, consistent and appropriate in planning terms and is an 'appropriate area to be designated as a neighbourhood area'.
- 6.2 The specified area is not wholly or predominantly business in nature and so it is inappropriate to designate it as a business area.
- 6.3 It is also considered that it is not desirable that only part of the Parish Council area be designated.
- 6.4 The specified area without modification should be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the reasons set out in the application. The area represents the built area which is being planned for with the objective of identifying and allocating development sites within the identified neighbourhood area and is appropriate in planning terms.
- 6.6 A copy of this report will be sent to Westfield Parish Council.

## **7. DECISION**

- 7.1 **The Designation of Westfield Neighbourhood Area is approved** in accordance with section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning.

**Decision Regarding the Application for Designation of Westfield Neighbourhood Area under section 61 (G) of the Town and Country Planning Act (as amended)**

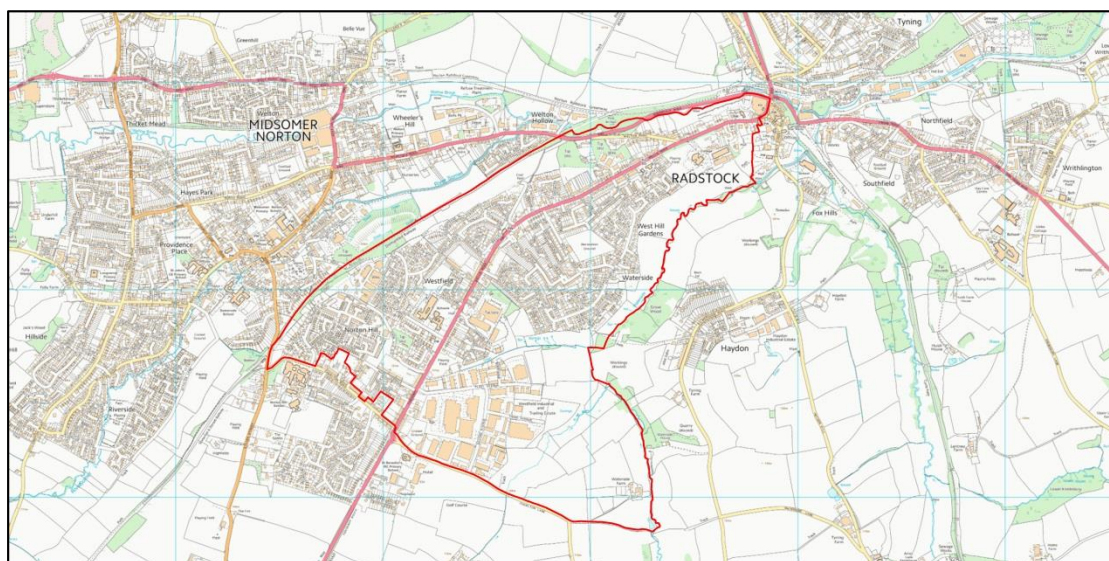


1. I have no private interests to declare in respect of this matter which would prevent me from determining this application.

2. I hereby exercise power under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) ("the Act") and all other powers delegated to me to designate the area identified on the map below as the Westfield Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of section 61G (1) of the Act) as I am satisfied that the area is an appropriate area to be designated as a neighbourhood area. I do not designate it as a business area for the purposes of section 61H (1) of the Act as it is not wholly or predominately business in nature.

a) Name of neighbourhood area: Westfield

b) Map of neighbourhood area:



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c) Relevant body: Westfield Parish Council, form the 'relevant body' (for the purposes of 61G(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990)

3. I have made this decision in line with the information set out in the 'Neighbourhood Area Designation Application Report'.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. A. C. H.', written over a light blue grid background.

**Divisional Director - Development**

Decision published: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015