

APPLICATION TO DESIGNATE BASSETT NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Town and Country Planning, England The Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations) 2012

Application is hereby made to Southampton City Council as the Local Planning Authority for designation of a Neighbourhood Area.

A map which identifies the area is submitted. (Regulation 5a). The name of the proposed neighbourhood area is the **Bassett Neighbourhood Area**.

Statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area (Regulation 5b)

The proposed neighbourhood area (as identified on the map) covers the City Ward of Bassett.

The ward is considered to be an appropriate area for the preparation of a neighbourhood plan as:

- it is a natural polling area as it conforms with the ward boundaries.
- the ward boundaries generally coincide with those of residents associations in the ward, although there are some parts without an active residents' association.
- there are strong and obvious boundaries that reflect the character of the area. To the south and west the boundaries, for the most part, run along main roads. The northern boundary follows the administrative boundary of the city, which with the exception of the Sports centre and Golf course closely follows the edge of the built up area. The eastern boundary logically separates areas of different residential character, with the small exception in the south east where the ward boundary dissects the Flowers Estate.

The proposed neighbourhood area is an area with a diverse mixture of housing styles and size, as well as a population ranging from wealthy to the less well off.

Having such a mix of housing and population allows for all sections of the local society to be catered for in their various areas, which produces a very acceptable overall housing density and mix, catering for the housing needs of all the levels of society, as well as keeping the character of the area overall, in which each individual smaller close and road can maintain its own style.

The amenity space covers the whole area well and provides an overall spacious feel. Looking at the sustainability of this as an area therefore, this designated area addresses all the requirements. Each smaller section complements the other producing an overall sustainable part of the area as a whole.

Economic Role.

Over this area there is sufficient developable land to fulfill the cities Core Strategy requirements, and can sustain the growth and innovation required.

Social Role

The diverse housing will support a healthy and vibrant community including local business owners and aspiring business persons requiring large family homes, growing families needing affordable housing of various sizes, small houses and flats for single persons and those starting out, as well as a sizeable number of housing available for rent, and social housing. There is also a large number of student blocks of accommodation.

Environmental Role

The area has some large areas of open land such as the golf course and sports centre, some areas of woodland which helps sustain the whole area and encourages wildlife. The areas of larger properties complement the smaller properties by keeping trees and larger gardens for everyone's benefit in reducing carbon and creating a spacious feel to the area.

If the area was any less than the whole ward, it would distort the overall character of the area, and be detrimental to the city's objectives.

No part of the Neighbourhood Area proposed overlaps any part of any other Neighbourhood Area (Section 61G(7) of the Act)

Statement that the organization or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act (Regulation 5c)

The Residents Associations in the area of Bassett have been operating successfully in the ward for many years. These were brought together by the local Councillor as a Forum in September 2011 with a vision to further develop community relations, improve the area and to produce a neighbourhood development plan for the ward of Bassett as defined by the area map.

The Forum has operated successfully on an interim basis using a draft constitution with elected officers, since September 2011. It has been self financing and has consulted widely and researched to produced a draft Neighbourhood Plan.

This application is submitted by the elected Chairman and officers of the prospective neighbourhood forum which meets the requirements of s61F (5) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and is therefore capable of being a "relevant body" for the purposes of Section 61G(2b) of that Act.

An application to designate the Bassett Neighbourhood Forum as the relevant body for the proposed neighbourhood area has been submitted.

On approval this Forum will hold an inaugural meeting to approve the constitution.

No part of the specified Neighbourhood Area consists of or includes any part of the area of a parish council or area outside the city of Southampton.
(section 61G(3b) of the Act)

Bassett Ward



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