

Wincanton Neighbourhood Plan
Neighbourhood planning regulations 2012

Statement

The parish of Wincanton is an appropriate area to be designated as a neighbourhood area because.

1. Wincanton is an ancient parish in the County of Somerset.
2. It has an active Town Council that may wish to pursue the various Community Rights as it is entitled to by the provision of the Localism Act 2012, or any other right that this designation may permit through additional regulations or legislation.
3. The designation of the Wincanton Parish area as a Neighbourhood Area, and the consequential designation of Wincanton Town Council as a Qualifying Body as defined in the Town and Country Planning Act is the necessary first stage of exercising these Community Rights.
4. It is concerned to ensure that planning decisions for housing are always responsive to local circumstances and reflects local need in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. It may wish to pursue a Neighbourhood Development Order which will in effect allow the Parish, subject to a local referendum, to grant planning permission in certain cases.

A relevant (for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act) body (Wincanton Town Council) has applied for the Wincanton Parish Area to be designated a Neighbourhood Area