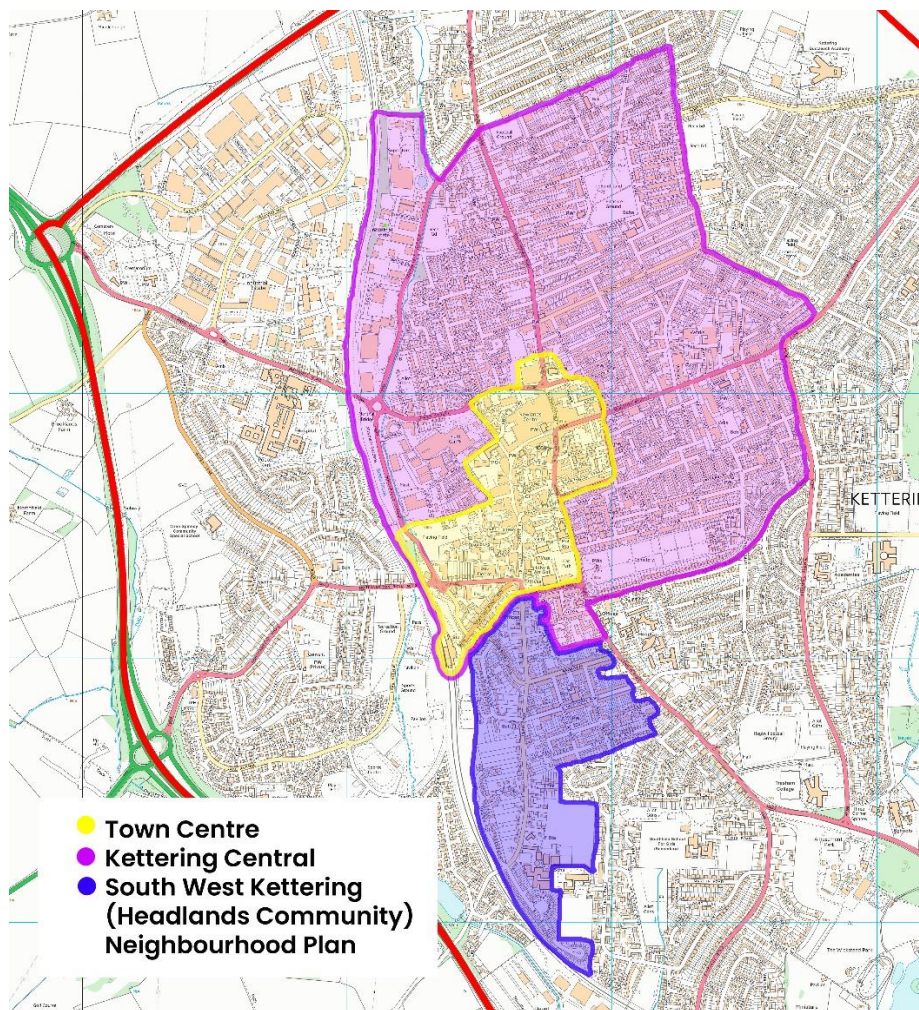


NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012

APPLICATION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA IN KETTERING PARISH

1. Kettering Town Council is a relevant body as defined by section 61G(2)(a) the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (The Act). The proposed neighbourhood plan area is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area because it is wholly within the parish of Kettering which forms the administrative area of the Town Council. It is therefore in accordance with section 61G(3)(a) of the Act.
2. The Town Council seeks to have the area shown in gold and purple on the map below designated as a single neighbourhood plan area, to be known as Kettering Central. For the purposes of clarity, the existing South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Plan area is shown in blue on the same map.



3. The Council wishes to develop a neighbourhood plan for the area above because it believes there is a need to develop planning policies which:
 - a) Protect and enhance the role of Kettering town centre in particular to
 - a. Building on the policies set out in the Town Centre Area Action Plan (2011) to meet the needs of central Kettering
 - b. Set principles and standards for the conversion of existing buildings and the re-use of redundant buildings and sites
 - c. Protect historic and character areas and buildings from unsympathetic development
 - d. Extend and improve green spaces and public open spaces
 - e. Develop public facilities for commercial and community benefit
 - f. Support a safe night-time economy
 - g. Enable active travel by enhancing existing and creating new cycle and walking routes
 - h. Address parking needs for residents and visitors alike
 - b) Protect and enhance the quality of life for residents in the older parts of town, including those living in the town centre, in particular to
 - a. Set standards to improve the quality of new housing, in terms of amenities, sustainability, energy and water conservation, parking provision, space standards and appearance
 - b. Improve the streetscape for older areas of housing,
 - c. Protect and improve the public realm
 - d. Extend and improve green spaces and public open spaces
 - e. Develop public facilities for commercial and community benefit
 - f. Enable active travel by enhancing existing and creating new cycle and walking routes
 - g. Address parking needs for residents and visitors alike
4. Part A above will primarily focus on the area marked in gold on the plan above and Part B will focus on the gold and purple areas of the map.
5. The Neighbourhood Plan will be developed in conjunction with and accordance with the emerging North Northamptonshire Local Plan.
6. The Town Council recognises that the future of the town centre will be of interest to the whole of Kettering and it will therefore set out to engage and consult with the whole of the population of Kettering, not just those living or working within the designated area, with a view to the possibility that the franchise for any eventual referendum might be extended to the whole of the parish.