



West Berkshire District Council Neighbourhood Area Designation Application form

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Please note that the information provided on this application form will be published on the Council's website. If you require further clarification, please email planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk

1. Single point of contact regarding the Neighbourhood Plan:

Title:	Mr	First Name:	Anthony	Surname:	Fenn
Address (inc. postcode):					
Telephone:					
Email:					
Position in relation to Neighbourhood Area application:	Chair of Parish Council working group				

2. Parish Clerk Details (if different from above):

Title:	Mrs	First Name:	Ellie	Surname:	Brewer
Address (inc. postcode):					
Telephone:					
Email:					

3. Qualifying Body:

Please confirm that you are the Qualifying Body (also referred to as the 'Relevant Body') to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act¹ and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations²

Yes	✓	No	
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Name of Qualifying Body:	Midgham Parish Council
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Note: in areas covered by a Parish / Town Council, the Parish / Town Council is the Qualifying Body. For applications covering more than one parish area, please nominate a lead parish to act as the Qualifying Body. If your area is not covered by a Parish / Town Council (only a parish meeting), please contact the Planning Policy Team before making your application.

4. Name of Neighbourhood Area:

Please give the name by which your Neighbourhood Area will be formally known. In many cases this will reflect the name of the parish/es it covers:

Midgham Parish

5. Extent of area:

Please attach an OS plan showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and indicate below the relationship of the proposed area to parish boundaries. If you need help to prepare a map, please contact planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk.

Proposed Area covers the whole of a single parish boundary area:	✓
Proposed area covers part of a single parish boundary area:	
Proposed area covers multiple parish boundary areas:	

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/enacted>

² <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/part/2/made>

6. Areas covering more than one parish area:

If the proposed Neighbourhood Area covers more than one parish, please list the parishes covered by the area application, the extent of the parish included and obtain consent from the Parish/Town Council by getting them to sign below:

Name of Town/Parish Council	Not Applicable
Extent of parish included in Neighbourhood Area	Not Applicable
Name and Position	Not Applicable
Signature	Not Applicable

Please add additional boxes if required

7. Intention of neighbourhood area:

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area:

Neighbourhood Development Plan <i>A planning document that contains planning policies. Site allocations can also be included.</i>	✓
Neighbourhood Development Order <i>Grants planning permission for specific types of development in a particular area.</i>	
Community Right to Build Order <i>Grants planning permission for small-scale community-led developments.</i>	

8. Reasons for considering the area appropriate:

Please describe below why you consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, based on its geography, character and land uses of the proposed area, and any relevant issues (eg. Influences on development, current or future challenges, community opinion).

Please continue on separate sheet if necessary

The area to be designated is the whole Parish of Midgham, as indicated on the map.

The civil parish of Midgham is a long established and recognised administrative area.

The Parish of Midgham encompasses the scattered settlements of Birds Lane, Coss Lane, Church Hill, Brimpton Road, Midgham Marsh, New Road Hill, Midgham Green, Midgham Park, School Hill and Bath Road. Parishioners from all of these areas make use of parish facilities such as the Church, village field, Midgham Green and the village hall. It is bounded to the south by the Kennett and Avon Canal including Midgham Lock, Heales Lock and Woolhampton Lock.

To the north the parish abuts to the boundary of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty).

As such, it is the view of Midgham Parish Council that the parish as a whole is an appropriate area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area.

9. Supporting Information

Please provide details of why you would like to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan and what you would like the Neighbourhood Plan to deliver for the Neighbourhood Area

Midgham Parish Council would like the Neighbourhood Plan to:

- Protect the predominantly rural countryside nature of the parish, with scattered settlements.
- Protect Ancient Woodland areas within the parish.
- Protect Common Land within the parish.
- Propose additional conservation area(s) (to compliment the existing area of Woolhampton Lock in the parish)
- Encourage a greater parishioner engagement in where development takes place in the Parish.
- Create a greater allocation of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies which will allow enhancement of community space for parishioners and secure the future of the existing village hall.
- Bring all parts of the community together and to be a springboard for creating a more cohesive community.
- Allow parishioners to have a greater say in the design of new housing where required and ensure it is in sympathy with the rural countryside nature of the parish.
- Provide a mix of housing types appropriate to the needs of the community. In particular, affordable housing for younger parishioners and retirement properties for older parishioners.

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- Compliment the district level Local Plan adopted by West Berkshire Council.

Midgham Parish Council therefore considers it appropriate to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

10. Declaration:

I/We hereby apply to designate a Neighbourhood Area as described on this form and the accompanying plan

Name	Anthony Fenn
Date	18/11/2025
Signature	

Completed forms should be returned:

Via email:

planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk

Or sent to:

Planning Policy,
Development and Housing,
West Berkshire District Council,
Market Street,
Newbury,
RG14 5LD

