

Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Forum & Area Designation

Short Responses (Leaflet):

Total Responses: 37

Name & Organisation (if specified)	Self-Identified as Forum Member	Support designation?	Comments	Response/ Action
Ann Timpson	✓	✓	I am not satisfied I have all the relevant details to make an informed decision. There is a lack of communication from the forum to certain areas on the estate. There needs to be different times for meetings to suit all people working or not.	Noted: Comments to be passed to chair
Ellen Tero	✓	✓		Address not in Spring Boroughs, link to estate to be established by secretary.
Dee McGovern (Spring Family Centre)	✓	✓		
Laura Greenfield	✓	✓	We need help for kids	Noted
Tracy Durdan	✓	✓		
Cllr Winston Strachan (Northampton Borough Council-Ward member)	✓	✓		
Jemma	✓	✓		No address given. Discount from determination of Forum.

Mrs R Ashraf	✓	✓		
Bianca Todd (Community Courtyard)		✓	I have not been kept up to date with the process and would like to be	Noted: comment passed to chair
Miss Laura Willetts		✓		
Mrs Lynne Crick (Castle Hill URC)	✓	✓		
Mrs Louise Cattrall	✓	✓	As a service that comes to work in the Neighbourhood, it is vital the community have its voice.	Secretary to ascertain link to Neighbourhood Area/ provide further details.
Mrs Thahrima Haque	✓	✓		
Mr Anamul Haque		✓		
Ms Shirley Jones	✓	✓	I do not think businesses ought to be included.	Businesses form part of the legislation and the forum must be open to them.
Mrs Fartun Ismail	✓	✓		
Mrs Sadia Malin	✓	✓		
Mrs Sadia Yassin		✓		
Mr Cecil McKenzie		✓		
Mrs Cath Keohane (Spring Boroughs Childrens' Centre)		✓		
Mr Martin Powell	✓	✓	The Forum can and will help in many different ways, so it will help the area and the people who live in it!	
Mrs Rufia Ashraf (Somali Women's Group)	✓	✓	I run the Somali Women's Group	
Mrs Nalima Awale		✓		
Ajah	✓	✓		Full name required; address within Spring Boroughs.
Mr Ibrahim Ali		✓		

Mrs Sheila Cox (Spring Charity)	✓	✓		
Mrs Anne Green (Well-Being Navigators)		✓	I am part of the well-being Navigators Team putting on today's event	
Ms Danielle Stone (Northampton Borough Council Ward Member)	✓	✓		
Miss Annie Clarke	✓	✓		
Caroline Humphries		✓		
Miss Nina Cali (Somali Womens Support Group)		✓		
Miss Amina Shador		✓		
Mr John Menown	✓	✓		
Ms Shakri Dhaibaas		✓		
Mr Richard Jones		✓		
Mr Dun Taylor		✓	Regular worshipper at Castle Hill URC. General interest in neighbourhood.	
Mr Andrew Tomkins		✓		

Total number of responses identifying as Forum Members: 20 (19)

Long Responses:

ID	Name & organisation	Summary of Comments & Response	Response & Action
1.	Natural England	No changes from previous consultation.	Standing advice noted; this will be passed to the relevant body when preparing the plan.
2.	West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit	No Comments	Noted.
3.	Dr Marie Dickie (Resident)	<p>Dr Dickie indicates she is not a member of the forum at present and asserts that some community groups have not been engaged in the process to date.</p> <p>A number of issues are raised in respect of the constitution including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation of local community groups • The treatment of business organisations and employees • Membership types • Quorum of the meetings • Notice period for meetings • Consistency in terminology • Use of Drop in meetings <p>It is alleged that there are inaccuracies in the minutes where agreement was taken to submit the application and there was not sufficient notice of the meeting.</p>	<p>The Act requires that reasonable steps are taken (61G(7)) to secure membership from each sub section and the evidence provided suggests that this criteria has been met.</p> <p>Dr Dickie is listed as a member. However, the forum still meets the minimum quota of 21 members if she is removed/not a member.</p> <p>Full comments on the constitution will be passed to the Chair. There is no formal requirement for the Local Authority to 'approve' the constitution, just ensure that it is written and will meet the requirements of 61G(5). The Forum should use its first meeting to resolve outstanding issues. A copy of the constitution will be made available on Northampton Borough Council's website; which will reflect any changes made and agreed by the forum.</p> <p>It should be noted that 'drop-in' meetings were a format requested by members of the community uncomfortable with a formal meeting arrangement.</p>

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		<p>It is stated that full consultation has not been carried out, with organisations such as Spring Boroughs Residents Association not consulted and there is not an inclusive mailing list. Some of the events cited, such as the Festival event, were not related to the forum.</p>	
4.	Ann Timpson (Secretary, Spring Boroughs Residents Association)	<p>The format of the Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Forum is welcomed and the future of the redevelopment of the area is taking place.</p> <p>Concerns are raised in relation to the levels of consultation and specifically membership across ages, gender and ethnicity and geographically within the estate.</p> <p>Concerns are raised in respect of the constitution and format of the meetings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times of the drop-in sessions; • Membership of the forum and balance between work and residents 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Evidence has been provided that reasonable efforts have been made to establish membership from across the estate and groups.</p> <p>Comments on the constitution will be passed to the Chair. There is no formal requirement for the Local Authority to 'approve' the constitution, just ensure that it is written and will meet the requirements of 61G(5). The Forum should use its first meeting to resolve outstanding issues. A copy of the constitution will be made available on Northampton Borough Council's website; which will reflect any changes made and agreed by the forum.</p> <p>It should be noted that 'drop-in' meetings were a format requested by members of the community uncomfortable with a formal meeting arrangement and meetings have also been held in the evenings.</p>

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5.	John Connelly (Chair, Castle Partnership)	<p>Castle Partnership has been enthusiastic in its support for the notion of Neighbourhood Planning .</p> <p>The Partnership state they have been excluded from the process and were not able to propose membership for the founding forum. They have concerns regarding the constitution.</p> <p>They feel that there is a <i>crisis of confidence</i> between the Castle Partnership and the council with Neighbourhood Planning being the source of tensions in the community.</p> <p>It is questioned if Neighbourhood Planning should continue.</p>	<p>Noted. The constitution forms one element of the application for a Neighbourhood Forum; all the relevant documentation has been supplied.</p> <p>This is a matter for the partnership to discuss with the independent chair.</p> <p>The Council has a statutory role in the process; it has encouraged local people to become involved in the process and attended meetings where invited. Neighbourhood Planning is intended to be led by the community.</p> <p>Should the community wish to pursue Neighbourhood Planning and the requirements of the legislation are met, the council must support them. It cannot stop a group from preparing a Neighbourhood plan.</p>
6.	Ald. John Dickie (Resident)	<p>JD states that the procrastination of NBC and the failure to recognise the potential of using Caspar [Castle Partnership] as the principal vehicle undermined the [Neighbourhood Planning] project from the start, and led to delays.</p> <p>It is stated that consultation has not been sufficient and does not cover the geography of the area, nor matches the community in terms of age, gender and ethnicity. JD states he has not viewed the 21 names to determine this mix.</p>	<p>A decision on the area was deferred due to concerns regarding understanding of the process locally, following objections to the area from the submitting group. The application for the forum has sought to overcome the deferral. Neighbourhood Planning is a legal process and it is acknowledged that it can take longer than expected.</p> <p>The evidence supplied with the application suggests that reasonable steps have been taken to secure membership of at least 21 people.</p>

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		<p>A number of concerns are raised in relation to the constitution including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That it is cut and paste • That the drop-ins should not be included in the constitution • Business membership and the potential for hijacking the forum • The relationship with SBRA and Castle Partnership 	<p>Comments on the constitution and consultation process will be passed to the Chair. There is no formal requirement for the Local Authority to 'approve' the constitution, just ensure that it is written and will meet the requirements of 61G(5). The Forum should use its first meeting to resolve outstanding issues. A copy of the constitution will be made available on Northampton Borough Council's website; which will reflect any changes made and agreed by the forum.</p> <p>It should be noted that 'drop-in' meetings were a format requested by members of the community uncomfortable with a formal meeting arrangement.</p>

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7.	Andy Clarke, (Chair, Spring Boroughs Voice)	<p>The response supports the application for a Neighbourhood Forum for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members listed in the application represent a good cross-section of the residential community of Spring Boroughs together with a number of other key individuals and business representatives. 2. The area shown on the map is recognisable as Spring Boroughs community with well-defined edges. It is important that the boundary should include the heritage gateway site on both sides of the Horse market. 3. There is an urgent need for the community to address the development issues of land and buildings in Spring Boroughs and to maintain momentum with the town centre and Enterprise Zone, as part of the Town Centre Action Area Plan recently approved. 	<p>Membership list provided meets basic requirements; there is a need to ensure that the forum represents all groups outlined in 61G(5).</p> <p>Noted in respect of the Neighbourhood Area designation.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
8.	Duncan McAlpine (Headteacher, Spring Lane School)	I fully support the concept of the development of a Neighbourhood plan for Spring Boroughs. Having worked in the area for a number of years, I can see the benefits it would bring to the community of Spring Boroughs.	Noted.

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9.	Kerrie Ginns (Planning Advisor, Environment Agency)	Re-submission of advice in respect of Environmental matters as per response 06/07/2012	Advice noted and will be passed on to relevant individuals to take into consideration during plan making.
10.	LATE: English Heritage	<p>The Area contains a number of designated heritage assets and routes. Any strategy should seek to safeguard these routes for future generations.</p> <p>Guidance is provided relating to Place Check and other sources of information, including the Historic Environment Record.</p>	Response noted. Information will be passed to the forum

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Name & Organisation (if specified)	Added in?	Taken Out	Comments	Response/ Actions
Ann Timpson	-	-		
Ellen Tero	-	x		
Dee McGovern (Spring Family Centre)	x	x		
Laura Greenfield	x	x		
Tracy Durdan	x	x		
Cllr Winston Strachan (Northampton Borough Council- Ward member)	x	x		
Jemma	x	x		
Mrs R Ashraf				
Bianca Todd (Community Courtyard)	x	x		
Miss Laura Willetts	x	x		
Mrs Lynne Crick (Castle Hill URC)	x	✓		
Mrs Louise Cattrall	x	x		
Mrs Thahrima Haque	x	✓	Shaded area	Option will be taken forward for consideration.
Mr Anamul Haque	x	✓	Shaded area	Option will be taken forward for consideration.
Ms Shirley Jones	✓	-	Any residential areas close to the 'designated' area.	
Mrs Fartun Ismail	x	✓	The pink area should be taken out.	Option will be taken forward for consideration.
Mrs Sadia Malin				
Mrs Sadia Yassin	x			
Mr Cecil McKenzie				

Mrs Cath Keohane (Spring Boroughs Childrens' Centre)		✓	Sol Central Building?	Option will be taken forward for consideration.
Mrs Ellen Tero				
Mr Martin Powell	x	✓	The area shaded pink - how can that area help Spring Boroughs?	Option will be taken forward for consideration.
Mrs Rufia Ashraf (Somali Women's Group)				
Mrs Nalima Awale		✓		
Ajah				
Mr Ibrahim Ali	x	✓	Pink bit	Option will be taken forward for consideration.
Mrs Sheila Cox (Spring Charity)		x		
Mrs Anne Green (Well-Being Navigators)				
Ms Danielle Stone (Northampton Borough Council Ward Member)	x	✓	Shaded area	Option will be taken forward for consideration.
Miss Annie Clarke	x	x		
Caroline Humphries	Yes		Shaded area	Option will be taken forward for consideration.
Miss Nina Cali (Somali Womens Support Group)	x	x		
Miss Amina Shador	x	✓	pink	Option will be taken forward for consideration.
Mr John Menown	x	x		
Ms Shakri Dhaibaas	x	✓		
Mr Richard Jones				
Mr Dun Taylor	x	x		
Mr Andrew Tomkins	x	x		

Neighbourhood Area- Responses to Previous Consultation (2012)

Respondent ID	Organisation	Comment	Officer Response
SB/01	The University of Northampton	<p>Spring Boroughs is geographically well defined by Grafton Street, Horse Market, Marefair and St Andrews Road.</p> <p>Understand and support the need to add in the medieval historic area between St. Peters Way and Freeschool Lane and the café and Lorry Park at Super Sausage.</p> <p>Seeks the inclusion of the Sol Central leisure complex as part of the Neighbourhood Area because it is source of local employment and as a key element of the environment of Spring Boroughs.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>The request to include Sol Central is noted, and an option for its inclusion is detailed within the Cabinet Paper for consideration.</p>
SB/02	Natural England	No objections to the designation of a Neighbourhood Area. No designated sites in close proximity of the area, but all plans should consider potential impacts on such sites.	Standing advice note with regard to consultee status. This information will be passed to the forum at the appropriate time.
SB/03	Friends of Northampton Castle	Strongly support the creating of a neighbourhood planning area that includes the significant areas of medieval and earlier Saxon archaeological evidence.	Comments noted.

		Boundary ensures that the Castle remains will be part of the overall plan for the area.	
SB/04	Spring Lane Children's Centre	<p>Support the request to designate the area.</p> <p>Seek extension to the boundary to include Sol Central to enable the inclusion of a business community that has a significant impact on the residential area of Spring Boroughs.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The request to include Sol Central is noted, and an option for its inclusion is detailed within the Cabinet Paper for consideration.</p>
SB/05	Northampton Borough Council (Regeneration and Enterprise)	<p>Support the approach for Neighbourhood Planning. Boundary is logical and sits boundaries of the Enterprise Zone.</p> <p>Questions if there is merit in including the Sol Central complex enabling the inclusion of the business community in regeneration in its widest sense.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>An option for Sol Central's inclusion within the boundary is detailed within the Cabinet Paper for consideration.</p>
SB/06	The Environment Agency	No Comments on the designation of the area.	N/A
SB/07	Northamptonshire County Council Archaeology	<p>Seeks inclusion of the area to the south and east of Spring Boroughs to Horseshoe street to allow for the identification of the historic potential and character of the area.</p> <p>This would lead to a more proactive approach including appropriate opportunities for enhancement of the character either as an indirect result of development or as a purely community</p>	The area bounded by Freeschool Street/Horseshoe street is identified as a separate policy area within the CAAP. At this stage, it is not considered desirable to extend the area across into a neighbouring CAAP policy area as this may dilute focus away from the initial reasons for producing a Neighbourhood Plan to guide the regeneration of Spring Boroughs.

		led approach.	However, we recognise the importance of the archaeological potential across the whole of the area and, as the community develop the plan, we will seek to ensure that the context of the area is reflected in any emerging policy that relates to the archaeology or historical interest, particularly in relation to St Peters Church and the area to the south. NCC Archaeology will be a key consultee during this process.
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