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Decision Notice

Submission from Milton Under Wychwood Parish Council for Milton Under Wychwood Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area

In order for a community to prepare a neighbourhood development plan, neighbourhood development order or community right to build order, a neighbourhood area has to be designated by the Local Planning Authority (1990 Act 61G (1) (2)).

The information that should be submitted to the LPA is:
1. A map identifying the area
2. Statement explaining why it is considered an appropriate neighbourhood area
3. Statement that the organisation making the application is a relevant body.

Milton Under Wychwood Parish Council submitted to West Oxfordshire District Council a letter on 7th February 2017, advising that the Parish Council seeks to designate its parish boundaries as a neighbourhood area, accompanied by a map. From this letter it is clear what area the parish would like to designate, that the area is the parish boundary [and therefore an acceptable boundary to designate], and that the parish council is a relevant body.

As of the 1st October 2016, the Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016 came into effect. Section 5A of this regulation holds that where a designation is sought by a parish council, for its parish boundaries, the proposal will no longer be subject to consultation and decision, but will instead be 'automatically' designated upon a simple validation check by the LPA.

As the submission from Milton Under Wychwood fits this definition, and has passed validation checks, it is therefore designated from the date of this notice.

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