

# DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

**Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities

**Date:** 8 Jul 2013

**Decision in the matter of:** Brereton Neighbourhood Area Application

**Decision:** To approve the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Board on 19 June 2013 that Brereton Parish be designated a Neighbourhood Parish Area.

**Background:** On 19 June 2013 the Strategic Planning Board recommended that the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Communities approve the Brereton Neighbourhood Area Application.

This application is submitted by Brereton Parish Council to designate the entirety of Brereton Parish as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of preparing a neighbourhood plan. A neighbourhood area is the geographic boundary within which a future neighbourhood plan will take effect.

A neighbourhood plan allows communities to allocate land and write policies relating to the development of land; it must conform to the Local Plan of the host local authority, will be subject to an independent examination and be put to a local referendum; once formally adopted a neighbourhood plan holds equal weight to a local plan for decision making purposes.

On considering an application to designate a neighbourhood area, a local authority must give regard to the desirability of designating the whole of the area applied for. The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 allow a local council to apply for the entirety of their parish to be designated as a neighbourhood area.

The application submitted by Brereton Parish satisfies the necessary criteria.

**Background Documents:** Brereton Neighbourhood Area Application Portfolio Holder Report  
Neighbourhood Planning Guide

**Approved:** Councillor David Brown  
(Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities)

**Date:** 8 July 2013

**Advising Officer:** Tom Evans  
(Planning Officer)