

## 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 Housing and Jobs

**Date:** 9 March 2015

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

**Decision:** That approval be given to the designation of Knutsford Parish as Knutsford Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing the Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan, as shown on the map attached as Appendix 1.

**Background:** The Localism Act 2011 introduced new legal rights that enable communities to prepare local development plans (neighbourhood plans) with equal weight to the Local Plan for decision making purposes on development proposals; the first stage of the process is the designation of a neighbourhood area.

An application to designate the area was submitted by Knutsford Town Council in December 2014 and approval will enable it to prepare a neighbourhood plan with formal statutory powers. Once completed the plan will be adopted by Cheshire East Council and form part of the Development Plan for the Borough. The policies eventually held in the Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan will be used for decision making purposes within the parish along side those other relevant policies form the Cheshire East Development Plan.

**Background Documents:** The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report author.

**Approved:**

Signed .....  
Councillor Don Stockton (Cabinet Member for Housing and Jobs)

**Date:** 9 March 2015

**Advising Officer:**

Signed .....  
Tom Evans ((Principal Planning Officer)