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## Neighbourhood Forum Application – Consultation

Harborough District Council has received a valid application to designate the **Arden Neighbourhood Forum (2023 to 2028)**. The neighbourhood forum application can be viewed on the Council's website: [www.harborough.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning) and [www.harborough.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/consultation)

The purpose of a neighbourhood forum is to act as the representative body who undertake neighbourhood planning. A neighbourhood forum has to consist of a minimum of 21 individuals and be open to those who live or work in the area.

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) should the designation be made no other organisation or body may be designated for that neighbourhood area until that designation expires or is withdrawn.

### How to respond?

If you would like to make any comments in relation to the proposed Arden Neighbourhood Forum, please send them to the postal/email address below **14 February 2024, that being six weeks from the date of this notice.**

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Harborough District Council  
The Symington Building  
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Or by email to:

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A decision on whether to formally designate the aforementioned neighbourhood forum will be made by the Portfolio Holder for Planning after the **14 February 2024.**

## **About Neighbourhood Planning**

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development to meet their community's needs and where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

Communities are able to produce a statutory 'neighbourhood plan' to be used by the Local Planning Authority when determining planning applications, but also grant 'permitted development' rights for certain types of new development. The first stage in the process for Arden Neighbourhood Forum is to apply to designate a neighbourhood area (currently being advertised by HDC), and establishing a representative body – the neighbourhood forum – to carry out neighbourhood planning.

Additional information in relation to neighbourhood planning can be viewed on the Planning Practice Guidance website:

<http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/what-is-neighbourhood-planning/>

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us on the details above.

**Do not remove this notice until 14 February 2024**