

**Petition - Drayton & Farlington Area of Special Residential Character
(summary)**

- Overview

Lead petitioner: Jeremy Wilson and Mervyn Doyle
Received: 17 October 2013
Confirmed signatories: 585
Officer response: Claire Upton-Brown (HoS Stephen Baily)
Council meeting: 10 December 2013

- Statement

"We the undersigned petition the Council to: Designate the Drayton and Farlington Ward as an Area of Special Residential Character where developments will be permitted provided that:

- 1) the size of any proposed or original plot, when sub-divided, is not significantly smaller than those in the immediate vicinity; and
- 2) the development's size, scale, layout, type, siting and detailed design are compatible with the overall character of the defined area."

- Officer response (25 October 2013)

Dear Mr Wilson and Mr Doyle,

I write in response to your petition, which was received by the city council on 17 October 2013. Your petition is being considered in line with the council's petition scheme.

I can confirm that your proposal is not one that has been considered in the last 24 months, and that your petition has the required number of signatories to be considered by the council.

I understand that you have asked for this matter to be heard at the full council meeting on 12 November 2013. Please could you confirm this to the Local Democracy Manager (Stewart.Aglan@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or 023 9283 4055) by 12 noon on Wednesday 30 October 2013, so that he can make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Upton-Brown
City Development Manager

- Council response

RESOLVED that the City Council thanks the petitioners for coming to the City Council with their concerns.

The City Council recognises that there have been further discussions with the lead petitioners and planning officials at the City Council and that the lead petitioners recognise that designating the whole of the Drayton and Farlington Ward (as stated in the petition), is not appropriate as an area of special residential character.

The city plan contains protections for the character of an area and that policy PCS23 is a strong planning policy to protect local character.

There are many other areas of Portsmouth which have individual character in the same way as areas within Drayton and Farlington, such as Southsea, Craneswater, Copnor, Old Portsmouth etc and that if a designation was made in Drayton and Farlington, other areas of the City would also need to be looked at.

The Localism Act gives the ability for a neighbourhood plan to be developed to reflect local circumstances and aspirations and that this option is open to residents within Drayton and Farlington. The City Council recognises that all these routes are available for local residents and asks the lead petitioners to work with the planners at the City Council to utilise these existing routes to protect the character of their area.