

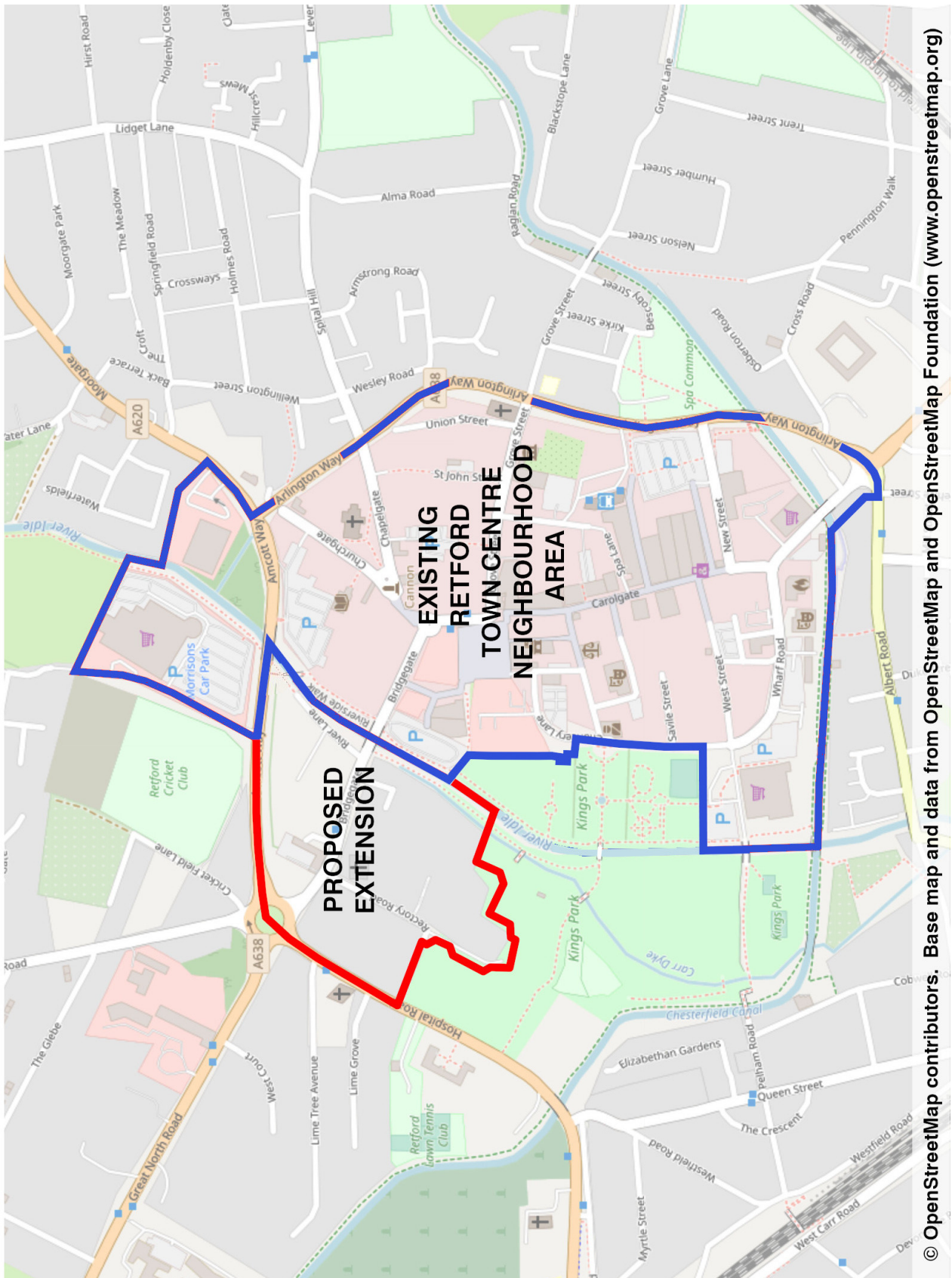
Regulation 5: Application for the Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

1. This application documents a formal request to modify the boundary of the Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Area, as originally designated by Bassetlaw District Council on 4 March 2021. The application is submitted by Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Planning Group, the formally-designated qualifying body in respect of the existing Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Area.
2. The proposed modification, as detailed on the accompanying map (see pages 2 and 3) concerns a north-westward extension of the existing Neighbourhood Area, so as to include the full extent of Bridgegate and environs. The boundary of the proposed extension follows established and distinct geographical features to the north (Amcott Way) and west (Hospital Road). To the south, the proposed boundary has been drawn to provide a clear distinction between the Neighbourhood Area and Kings' Park.
3. The premise of an extension to this effect was raised following the formal consultation on the original application to designate the Neighbourhood Area. It was determined by the District Council that it would be inappropriate to modify the boundary at that stage, without the opportunity for public consultation, and that the proposal should be considered subsequent to designation, as is being done here.
4. This proposed extension is considered appropriate for the following reasons:
 - The proposal has been subject to careful consideration. Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Planning Group has worked with Bassetlaw District Council to respond to the request to include the full extent of Bridgegate within the Neighbourhood Area and to establish a provisional boundary. As per the existing boundary, the proposed extension has been drawn to follow recognised geographical features, and to encompass the core area of 'town centre' activities, so as to maintain a clear sense of purpose for the proposed Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Plan.
 - The area, as proposed, remains distinct from adjoining / neighbouring areas, given its role as Retford Town Centre, and the consequent focus of retail, business, public service, tourism, and transport functions located there.
 - The proposal does not overlap other existing designated neighbourhood areas.
 - The proposal has been the subject of public consultation during May and June 2021, with notifications issued to all properties within the extension area. The consultation demonstrated general support for the proposal.
5. We consider that Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Planning Group is the appropriate body to lead neighbourhood planning in this area. We continue to fulfil all of the requirement of a neighbourhood forum, as per section 61F (5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and will actively welcome new members from the proposed extension area should the application be approved.

Submitted on behalf of the Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Planning Group to Bassetlaw District Council by Frederick Brand, Chair

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Map 1: Proposed Neighbourhood Area Extension in Context



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Map 2: Proposed Neighbourhood Area Extension in Detail

