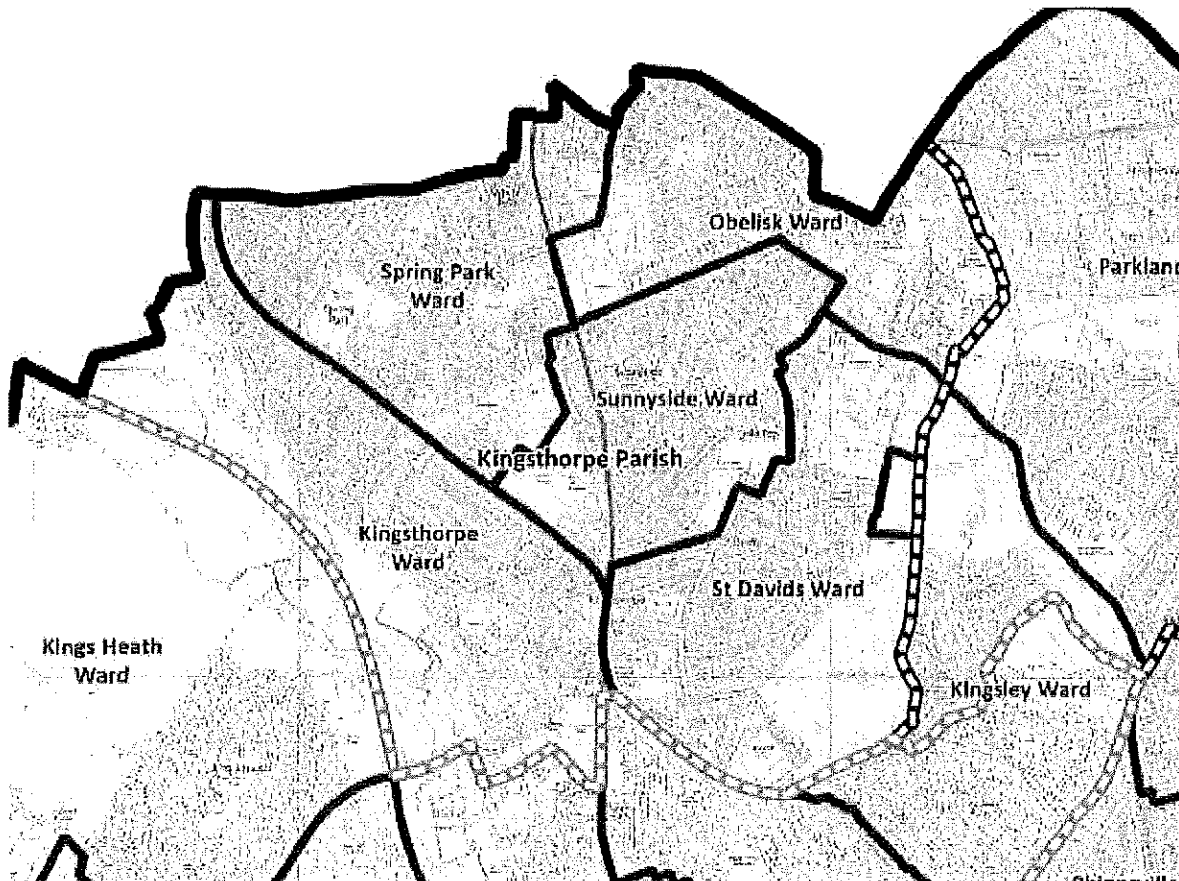




**Whitehills and Spring Park Residents Association – Application for the establishment of a Kingsthorpe Parish Council – shown on the map below**



**Legend**

-  Proposed New Northampton Town Council Boundary
-  Proposed New Parish Boundaries

In response the Northampton Borough Councils CGR – WASPRA, Kingsthorpe accept option B – proposing the establishment of a Kingsthorpe Parish Council, by converting the existing residents group into a Parish.

WASPRA committee – Sean Brady (co Chair) Steve Miller (Co Chair) Fern Upton (secretary)

**Background**

WASPRA have been active in the Kingsthorpe area of Whitehills and Spring Park for over a decade. We have in that time developed a following on social media of over 1300 residents, and utilised the Pastures Community Centre to organise meetings on the subjects of crime, traffic and environment issues, and AGM's. WASPRA have operated as successfully as a residents group will allow, and feel that we have in place the objectives and organisation to become a Parish Council. We have communicated with residents, and sort feedback on the subject of a Parish. We are confident that the general feeling amongst residents is that a Parish would offer a focus on the Kingsthorpe area

that a larger form of Northampton Council could not. It would be run by fellow residents who have experience across the board in community matters, and who are in touch with the concerns and needs of Kingsthorpe.

**Proposal:**

**Whilst we are aware that the NBC would set initial budgets etc – we offer a plan below**

Electors – 16,020

Year 1 : Budgeting – we would aim to hold the precept close to the 50p per week parameter to demonstrate to residents the effectiveness of investment in the area prior to analysing any precept rises.

On approval, immediate recruitment of a Parish Clerk would be a priority. A website would be set up, using some design elements already used for the WASPRA page. The location and costs of an office would be analysed and a plan put in place, if required.

**We have the following strategies and objectives for year one:**

To introduce a number of events that encourage community cohesiveness and identity, such as Summer and Christmas festivals.

To invest in the improvement of local parks – maintenance of children’s play equipment, dog and litter bins, and grass/tree protection and development.

The coordinating of neighbourhood watch schemes, to be centralised through the use of community centres (Pastures/Obelisk) as ‘hubs’.

To assess investment in community buildings.

To address residents concerns involving the environment, through organised litter picks and awareness drives, and eventually a “clean team”.

To work closely with local Schools, business’s and other stake holders, to provide support where needed.

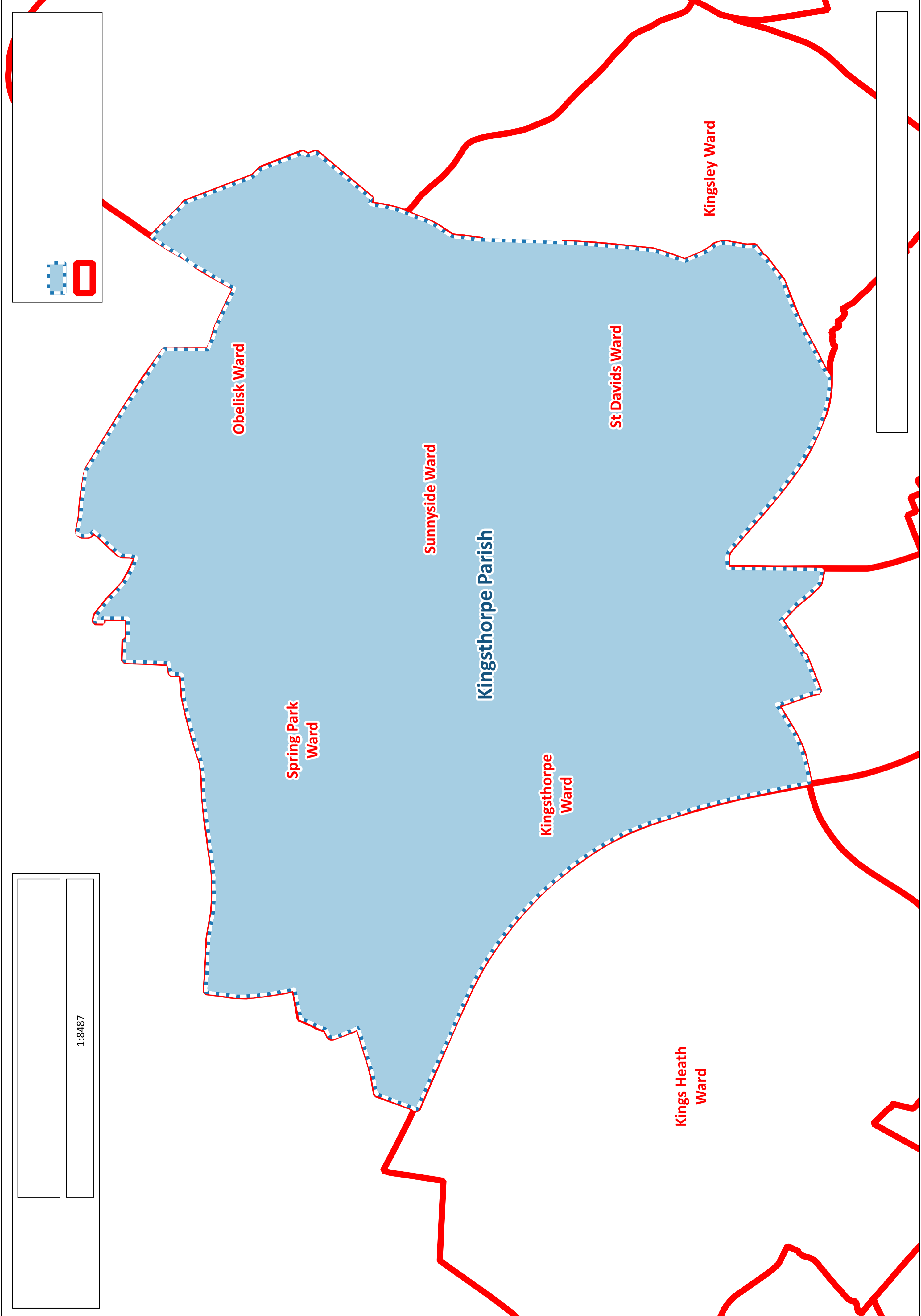
To draw up a plan of key areas, where investment in aesthetics could be directed e.g. the Kingsthorpe Front shopping area.

**Long Term Strategies**



Assessment for the funding of one full time PCSO

Investment in the planting of trees and greenery in parks and surrounding areas

Establish a “clean team” to clear litter and offer solutions to problem areas



Legend

-  Dashed blue line
-  Solid red line

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Obelisk Ward

Spring Park  
Ward

Sunnyside Ward

Kingsthorpe Parish

Kingsthorpe  
Ward

St Davids Ward

Kingsley Ward

Kings Heath  
Ward