

**HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION**

PARISH OF NUTHURST

DESIGNATION OF AREA

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 specify what a local authority must do to publicise an 'area application' and, following consideration and determination of the application, what it must do to publicise the outcome. Regulation 2(6) requires that a copy of the area application, details of how to make representations and the date by which those representations must be received (being not less than 6 weeks from the date the application is first publicised) must be put on the local planning authority website. Regulation 7 requires that as soon as possible after determining the application the decision should be published on their website.
- 1.2 The Council, on 25th July 2013, delegated authority to the Head of Strategic Planning and Performance in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Living and Working Communities, to publicise applications for neighbourhood areas, consider representations and determine applications.

2 APPLICATION

- 2.1 An application for the designation of the Parish of Nuthurst as a neighbourhood area for the purpose of producing a neighbourhood development plan was made by Nuthurst Parish Council on 7th July 2013 as shown in Annex A. The Parish Council had not made any previous application.
- 2.2 The application included a statement that the applicant was a 'relevant body', being a parish council, under Section 61(G) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- 2.3 The application was accompanied by a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area, and a map on an Ordnance Survey base identifying the intended neighbourhood plan area.
- 2.4 The Council considers the application meets the requirements of Regulation 5.

3 PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The application was advertised on the Council's website and by public notice in the West Sussex County Times on 12th September 2013 (Annex B).
- 3.2 The Council's website explained the purpose and period of the consultation (9th September to 21st October 2013), and how to make a representation either on the website or in writing to the Council. There was access via the website to a copy of the application documents received from the applicant. The newspaper advertisement also appeared on the website.

- 3.3 Further discretionary publicity included a press release and a mail-shot to individuals and groups drawn from the Council’s planning policy consultation database who might be interested in the area application by virtue of their business, location or other interest in the area. A paper copy of the application documents was available for inspection at the Council’s principal offices in Horsham during the consultation period.
- 3.4 The Council is satisfied that this publicity has allowed the area to be brought to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the area to which the application relates, and that it meets the requirements set out in Regulation 6.

4 REPRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 The Council received one representation in support of the application. No objections were received.

5 COMMENT

- 5.1 The plan area does not overlap with any other area, and is considered to be compatible with the objective of good town planning and the strategic policies of the adopted local development plan, as well as the vision, objectives and strategy for a revised planning policy framework as set out in the Council’s Preferred Strategy consultation document (August 2013), although these proposals have yet to be submitted to enquiry by an independent inspector.

6 DELEGATED DECISION

- 6.1 The Head of Strategic Planning and Performance and the Cabinet Member for Living and Working Communities hereby exercise their delegated authority to agree the application and designate the Parish of Nuthurst as a Neighbourhood Development Plan Area.
- 6.2 A copy of this note will be placed on the Council’s website, sent to Nuthurst Parish Council and to relevant District Councillors. A map of the designated area will also be posted on the Council’s website with the reference NNP2.
- 6.3 The publicity for the Council’s decision will thereby meet the requirements of Regulation 7.

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