

**HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION**

**PARISH OF ASHINGTON**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Ashington as a neighbourhood area for the purpose of producing a neighbourhood development plan was made by Ashington Parish Council on 7<sup>th</sup> November 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 (Annex B).
- 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 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (Annex C).
- 3.2 The Council's website explained the purpose and period of the consultation (6 weeks), 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 by the District Council included a press release, and 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 no representations through the public consultation.

#### 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 Ashington as a neighbourhood development plan area.

6.2 A copy of this note will be placed on the Council's website, sent to Ashington 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 ASHINP2.

6.3 The publicity for the Council's decision will thereby meet the requirements of Regulation 7.

JILL SCARFIELD ..... 

HEAD OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE

Date: 23/1/14

COUNCILLOR CLAIRE VICKERS ..... 

CABINET MEMBER FOR LIVING AND WORKING COMMUNITIES

Date:



**Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

*This application form asks for information (Regulation 5) to assist the Council\* in publishing an area application (Regulation 6) and after receiving any relevant comments in taking a decision\* on the suitability of the Plan Area (Regulation 7).*

If you have any queries about this form please contact:

- ☎ telephone Strategic and Community Planning - 01403 215208
- ✉ email to: [strategic.planning@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.planning@horsham.gov.uk)
- ✉ post to: Strategic Planning and Performance, Horsham District Council, Park North, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1RL

Note all information provided on this form in support of the application will be publicised

**Thank you. When completed please return this form - together with your intended Plan Designation Map - to the above address.**

*We will acknowledge and advise you on publicity and reporting arrangements and the decision of Horsham Council on your application. \*Where the intended Plan Area includes land within the South Downs National Park then this application will also fall for their consideration and approval.*

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

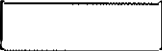
**A CONTACT DETAILS**

Name	KAREN DARE
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Position in organisation	PARISH CLERK

**B ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION**

Name of Organisation	ASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL	
Address and postcode	HONEYSUCKLE HOUSE, LONDON ROAD, ASHINGTON, PULBOROUGH, WEST SUSSEX, RH20 3JR	
Parish Council	YES	Prospective Neighbourhood Forum <input type="checkbox"/>

C AREA DETAILS

<b>Intended Name of Neighbourhood Area</b>	ASHINGTON PARISH	
Extent of the area and boundaries	Whole Parish/Neighbourhood Forum area?	YES
	Part of a Parish/Neighbourhood Forum area?	NO
	Is this a joint application with a neighbouring Parish or Forum?	NO
	Is any part of this area within the South Downs National Park?*	NO
Add a Map Reference Number	Please provide a Map showing your draft <b>Plan Designation Area</b> Preferably using an Ordnance Survey base map - with copyright acknowledgement.	
	Show clearly the boundary of the intended Neighbourhood Plan area and if different from the Parish or Forum area the boundary of these and include the boundary of the District Council (and South Downs National Park if applicable). the District Council (and South Downs National Park if applicable).	

C STATEMENT

**Plan Area Statement** (required)

Explain why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood development plan area. *Please use another sheet if necessary*

The Parish is easily recognized as a discrete entity with historic boundaries. It is a predominantly rural parish but bordered to the east by the busy A24 dual carriageway. Many of the issues facing Ashington are similar to those of other rural Parishes eg traffic, housing and strategic gaps between settlements and we will liaise closely with our neighbours in preparation of the Plan.

D SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Supporting Information** (optional)

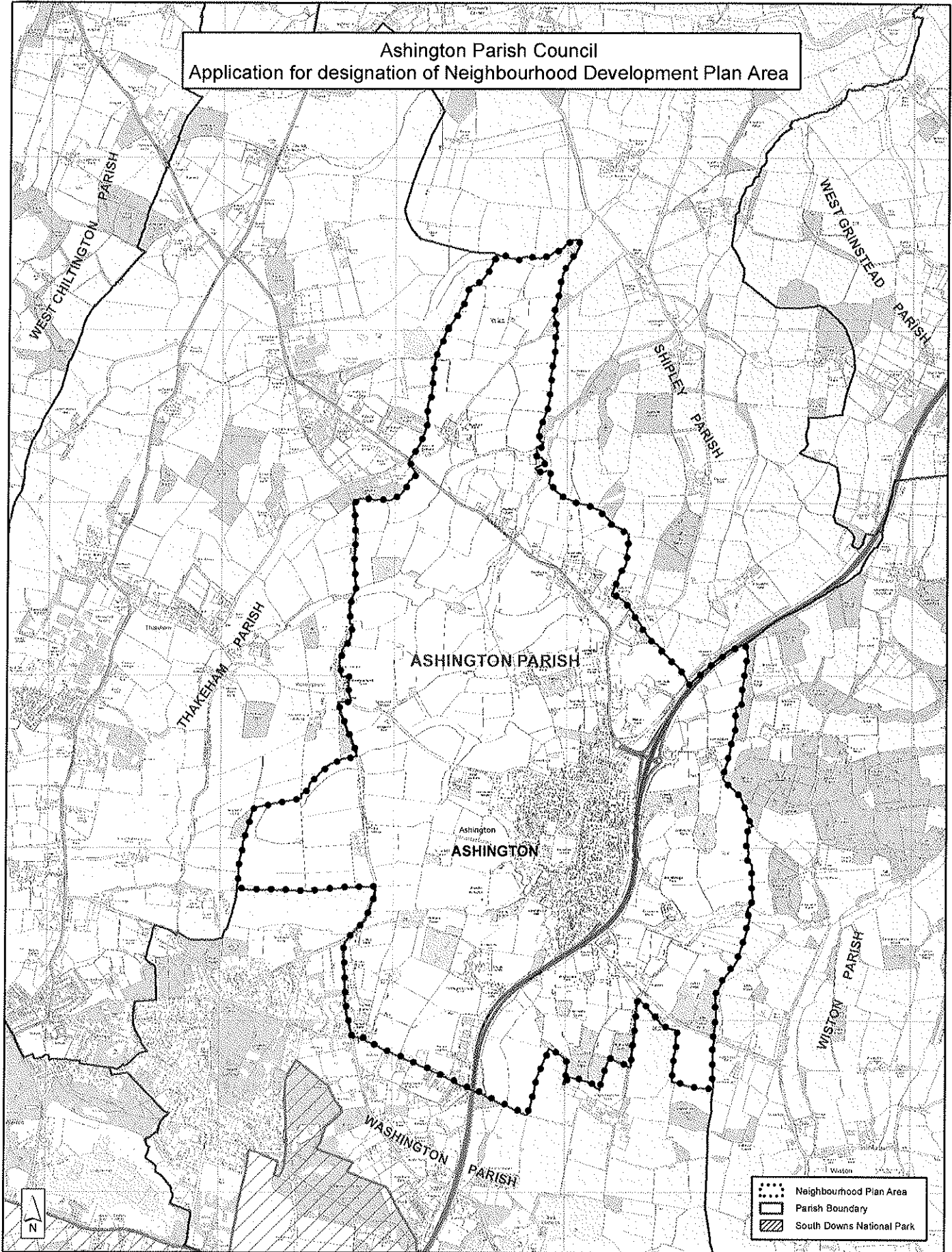
For publicity purposes *You could use this to e.g explain your objectives in producing a Neighbourhood Plan Please use another sheet if necessary*

We will build upon the findings from our Community Action Plan 2010 and will consult with our Community to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan represents the current wishes of the Parish. We would like to address issues such as affordable housing needs in a strategic manner rather than ad hoc development driven by Developers keen to realize the value of land that they own around the outskirts of the village. We will take into consideration limiting factors such as school capacity, services, infrastructure, public transport etc.

E DECLARATION

<p><b>I / We hereby apply to designate a Neighbourhood Area.</b> <i>In the case of joint applications, please provide the name of the relevant person and attach a confirmation letter on behalf of <b>each Parish</b></i></p>	<p>Name and position <b>KAREN DARE, PARISH CLERK</b> Date 7 November 2013</p>
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Ashington Parish Council  
 Application for designation of Neighbourhood Development Plan Area



**Horsham District Council**  
 Park North, North Street, Horsham,  
 West Sussex. RH12 1RL  
 Rod Brown : Head of Planning & Environmental Services

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Application to the Horsham District Council under  
 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Regulation 5.

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## **NOTICE OF CONSULTATION APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION**

**Ashington Parish Council** has applied to Horsham District Council for Designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area.

The name of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area will be:

### **Ashington Parish Neighbourhood Area**

The application is to identify an area for which the Parish Councils intend to prepare local planning policies and formulate land allocations to be consulted upon in due course in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

If you wish to comment on the intended Neighbourhood Plan Area please note all comments must be received by **Monday 23 December 2013**.

Comments on the application can be made directly on the website, by post to the address below – please mark 'FAO Neighbourhood Planning', or by email to [neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk).

#### **Inspecting the documents**

The application, draft designation map and supporting submission can be viewed on the website [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk).

A copy of the application documents is available for inspection at:

#### **Horsham District Council Offices**

Park North, North Street,

Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1RL

8.45am - 5.20pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am - 4.20pm Fridays



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