

## **Steyping, Wiston, Ashurst and Bramber Neighbourhood Plan Cluster (SWAB)**

**12 October 2017**

Horsham District Council formally acknowledges the Neighbourhood Planning cluster comprising of Steyping, Wiston, Ashurst and Bramber Parishes (collectively known as SWAB) for the purposes of creating a Neighbourhood Plan have agreed in principle to 'de-cluster'. Horsham District Council approved the application (18 September 2014) for the four parishes to come together as a Neighbourhood Plan area (SWAB), for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood plan. Horsham District Council has accepted the request from members of SWAB to 'de-cluster'. Should any of the Parishes as a Qualifying Body wish to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan for their community they will have to formally reapply to Horsham District Council as a Neighbourhood Plan area to ensure compliance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

In light of a changing planning landscape, the requirement to frontload a robust evidence base, a change in the makeup of the steering group and the divergence of priorities for their respective local communities, it is acknowledged that the parishes consider it would be more effective to pursue a neighbourhood plan separately. Horsham District Council as required by the 'Duty to Support' obligation will continue to provide advice and support to the parishes on Neighbourhood Plans. There will be a formal review of the existing evidence base and where appropriate it will be carried forward to support emerging Neighbourhood Plans.

Horsham District Council will continue to support the development of Neighbourhood Plans and is committed to community led-planning.

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