

**SWAB Neighbourhood Plan  
Withdrawal Statement**

**Ashurst Parish Council**

**October 2017**

## Introduction

### The purpose of this document

This document provides a record of the written notification from Ashurst Parish Council of their intention to withdraw from the membership of the cluster designation of Stenyng, Wiston, Ashurst and Bramber (SWAB) Neighbourhood Development Plan Area<sup>1</sup> for the purposes of creating a neighbourhood plan.

### Withdrawal

Within this statement, we as the qualifying body must publicise on our website:

1. a statement setting out details of the withdrawal (“the withdrawal statement”);  
and
2. the withdrawal statement may be inspected online on the District Council, South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and Parish Council website respectively

### Background

Horsham District Council approved the application on 17 September 2014 to have the parish of Ashurst designated as part of the cluster of four parishes as a Neighbourhood Plan area (SWAB), for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood plan. **Ashurst Parish Council** formally requested to withdraw from SWAB on the 9 October<sup>2</sup>.

### Outcomes

Horsham District Council and SDNPA have accepted the formal request by Ashurst **Parish Council** on the 9 October 2017 to have the parish of Ashurst withdrawn from the SWAB neighbourhood plan cluster.

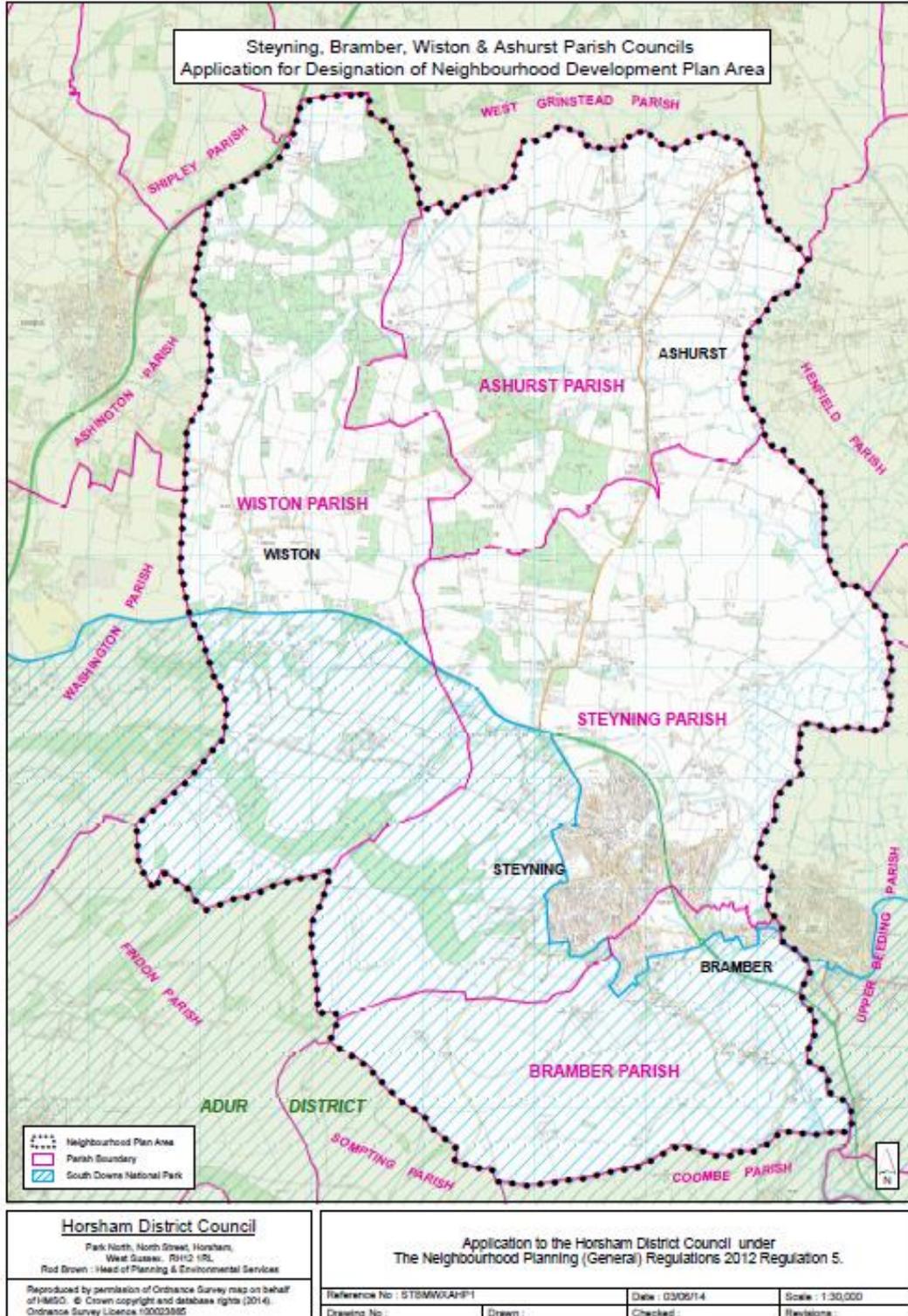
Any further applications by Ashurst Parish Council to designate their parish area for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood plan will require another formal request for designation in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations (General) 2012 (as amended).

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to Appendix 1 – Map of Cluster Designation SWAB

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to Appendix 2 – Letter of formal withdrawal from Ashurst dated 9/10

Appendix 1  
Map of SWAB Cluster



Appendix 2  
Letter of Withdrawal

## Ashurst Parish Council

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Monday 9th October 2017

Dear Mr Kwan

I am writing to formally advise you that, at Ashurst's last full Parish Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September, it was unanimously decided that Ashurst should withdraw from the SWAB Neighbourhood Plan Cluster.

As you have advised, the recent decision of Wiston Parish to withdraw from the SWAB Cluster means that the SWAB Neighbourhood Plan Area now needs to be re-designated. This was the catalyst for Ashurst Parish to consider its own position. While Steyning and Bramber still have work to do on their Housing, in particular, this is not the case with Ashurst, where no further Housing assessments are required.

All things considered, Ashurst Parish Council felt that the best course of action was to withdraw from the Cluster. The question of whether or not Ashurst should pursue its own Neighbourhood Plan will be addressed in the near future.

We will keep you updated with any developments. In the meantime, we would like to thank you for the advice and support you have extended to Ashurst Parish Council over the last few months.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Leggo

Clerk of Ashurst Parish Council.