

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012
DESIGNATION OF **FARNHAM** AS A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Application

This Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area is made under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 5 (1), Part 2 SI. 2012 No. 637

Purpose

The purpose of the application is to enable Farnham Town Council to undertake neighbourhood planning, and in particular to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

Area

The area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning is to be the area covered by the Farnham Town Council to its entire extent.

Comprising Local Authority Wards:

Farnham Bourne,
Farnham Castle,
Farnham Firgrove,
Farnham Hale and Heath End,
Farnham Moor Park,
Farnham Shortheath and Boundstone,
Farnham Upper Hale,
Farnham Weybourne and Badshot Lea,
Farnham Wrecclesham and Rowledge.

Shown on the **Designation Map** (NP1) - attached.

Statement of suitability of defined area

The entirety of Farnham is the area most appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area for planning purposes, as it is a long established, well recognised and clearly defined area. Farnham has been a distinct settlement for many centuries with a clear physical and social identity and community focus. It has a cohesive town centre, residential and employment areas, community facilities, open spaces, listed buildings, conservation areas and special character areas. The Town is surrounded by rural and semi-rural countryside areas of open spaces and other areas including areas of landscape value.

The area is consistent with the concept of a neighbourhood area as intended by the Act and is identified in the Core Strategy Pre-submission Document approved by Waverley Borough Council.

Statement of suitability of Farnham Town Council

Farnham Town Council is a 'relevant body' for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act, and is therefore qualified to undertake neighbourhood planning. It is a democratically elected body incorporated under statute and representing the whole community within Farnham.

Farnham Council has long standing experience in working with and representing the local community including on dealing with planning matters under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and has a well established relationship with the Local Planning Authority in the preparation of Plans and Guidance and the involvement of parts of the community.

Farnham Town Council is committed to ensuring that future planning within this area reflects the community's wishes and wishes to work co-operatively with Waverley Borough Council and other statutory bodies and to fully engage with other organisations and interests.

Extract. PART 2 Neighbourhood Areas

Application for designation of a neighbourhood area

5.(1) Where a relevant body(12) submits an area application to the local planning authority it must include—

- (a) a map which identifies the area to which the area application relates;
- (b) a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and
- (c) a statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

(2) A local planning authority may decline to consider an area application if the relevant body has already made an area application and a decision has not yet been made on that application.

Publicising an area application

6. As soon as possible after receiving an area application from a relevant body, a local planning authority must publicise the following on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the area application to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the area to which the area application relates—

- (a) a copy of the area application;
- (b) details of how to make representations; and
- (c) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised.

Publicising a designation of a neighbourhood area etc

7.—(1) As soon as possible after designating a neighbourhood area, a local planning authority must publish the following on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the designation to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—

- (a) the name of the neighbourhood area;
- (b) a map which identifies the area; and
- (c) the name of the relevant body who applied for the designation.

(2) As soon as possible after deciding to refuse to designate a neighbourhood area, a local planning authority must publish the following on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the refusal to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area —

- (a) a document setting out the decision and a statement of their reasons for making that decision (“the decision document”); and
- (b) details of where and when the decision document may be inspected.

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1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Communities and Local Government and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1 The Regulations set out the procedure for the designation of neighbourhood areas and neighbourhood forums and for the preparation of neighbourhood development plans and neighbourhood development orders (including community right to build orders). A separate instrument will be brought forward in relation to neighbourhood planning referendums.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 The Regulations are the first exercise of the powers in sections 61E to G, 61L and 61M of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (“the 1990 Act”) and sections 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (“the 2004 Act”).

3.2 As the Regulations make amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011, we have taken this opportunity to correct a number of typographical errors in that instrument, including four points which the JCSI reported on in its 30th Report (2010-12 session).

4. Legislative Context

4.1 Chapter 3 of Part 6 of the Localism Act 2011 creates a new neighbourhood planning regime in England mainly by inserting new provisions into the 1990 Act and the 2004 Act (*see* Part 1 of Schedule 9, and Schedules 10 and 11, for the provisions inserted into the 1990 Act, and Part 2 of Schedule 9 for the provisions inserted into the 2004 Act).

4.2 The 1990 Act provides that within a designated neighbourhood area a parish council or a designated neighbourhood forum may propose a neighbourhood development order and Schedule 4B (as read with the modifications in Schedule 4C for community right to build orders) sets out the framework for making such orders.

4.3 The 2004 Act provides that within a designated neighbourhood area a parish council or a designated neighbourhood forum may propose a neighbourhood development plan and Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act (as applied, with modifications, by section 38A of the 2004 Act) sets out the framework for making such plans.

4.4 The Regulations build on the statutory frameworks in the 1990 Act and the 2004 Act in relation to the process for designating neighbourhood areas and neighbourhood forums and the preparation of neighbourhood development plans and neighbourhood development orders.

Designation Map

Town And Country Planning Act 1990
 Planning And Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
 Localism Act 2011
 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012
 Designation Of Neighbourhood Area

Plan NP1

Farnham Council Area

Wards

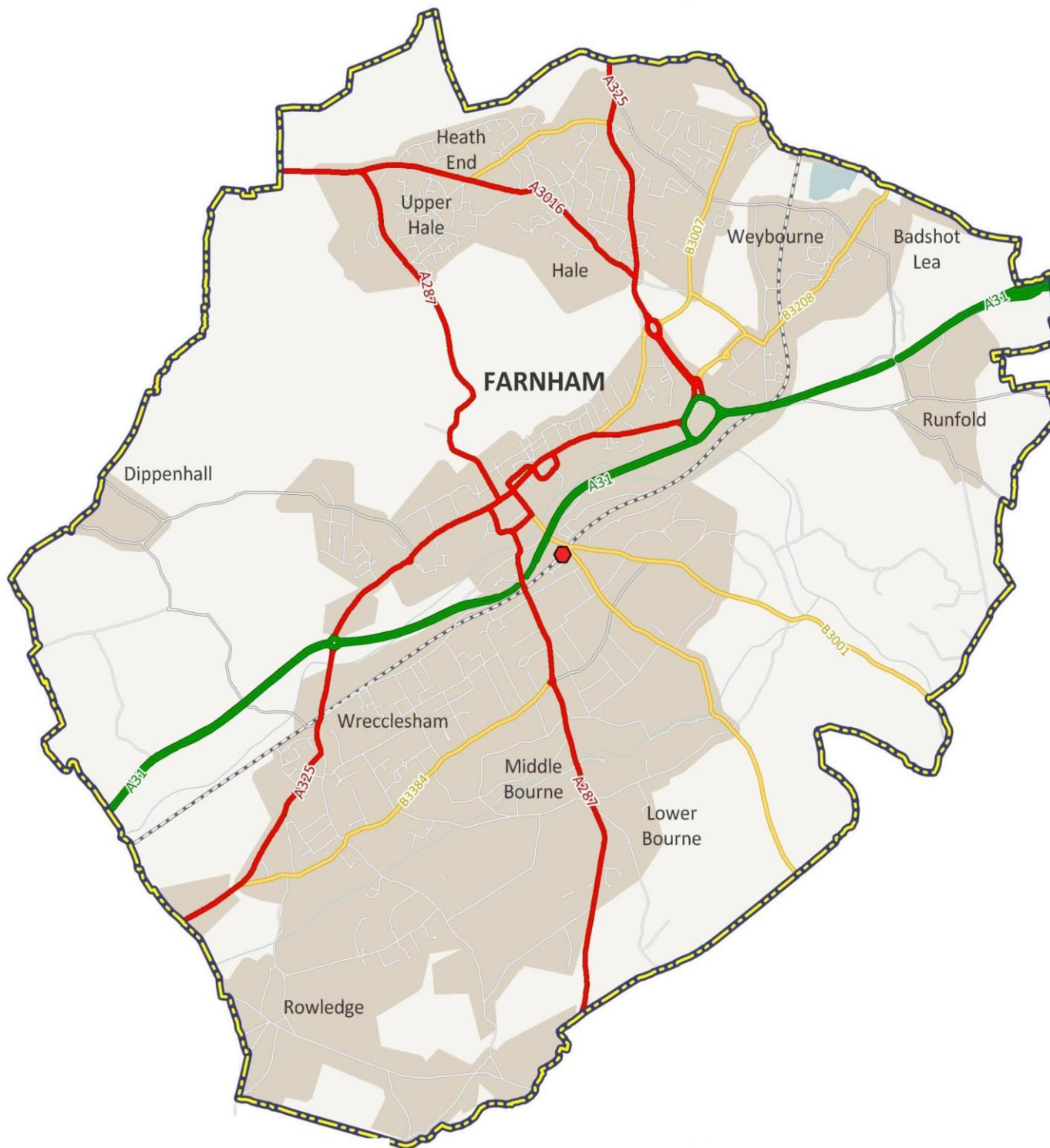
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14th November 2012

Dear Mr. Ellis,

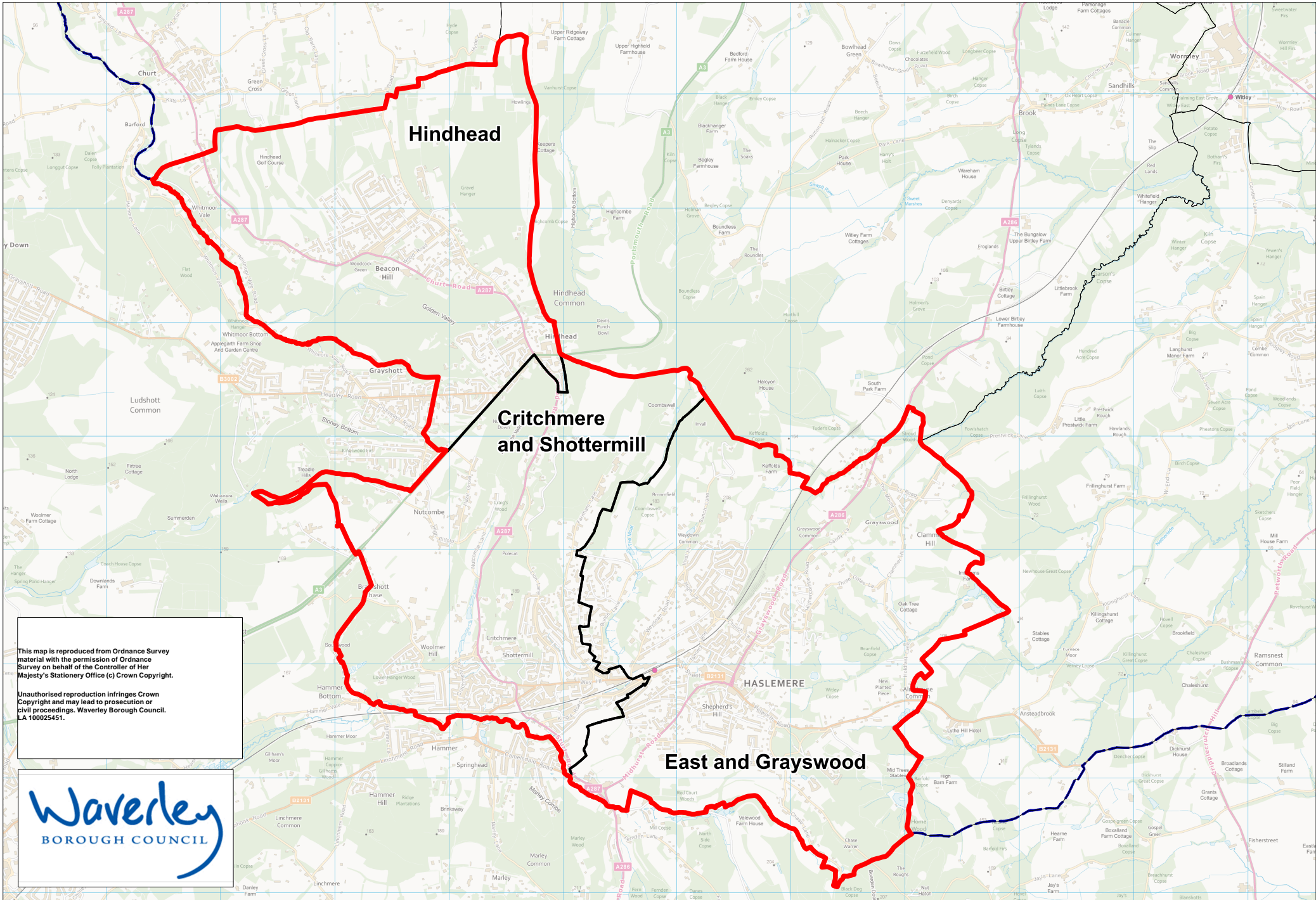
I write on behalf of Haslemere Town Council ("HTC") to request that the area that consists of the whole of the administrative area of HTC be designated a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of the Localism Act 2011 and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

I confirm that HTC is a "relevant body" as defined in section 61(G)(2)(a) because it is also a parish council. I attach a map showing the boundaries of the HTC area (which comprises the wards of Critchmere, Hindhead, Haslemere East, Haslemere North & Grayswood and Shottermill).

HTC considers that this area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area because it comprises the whole of the HTC area. As such, it is the natural subject of HTC's interest and there is no other body that has a greater interest in any part of the area. We believe that all parts of the HTC area will benefit from the existence of a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Furthermore, we see no reason to believe that any part of the HTC area should be excluded from the proposed Neighbourhood Area or from the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Cyndy Lancaster
Town Mayor



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