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Dear Jane,

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF THE WINDLESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Windlesham Parish Council wishes to apply for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for the Windlesham Ward part of the Parish. Part 2 Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 requires that:

Where a relevant body submits an area application to the local planning authority it must include -

- 1) *a map which identifies the area to which the area application relates;*
- 2) *a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and*
- 3) *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.*

1. Map of proposed area for designation

The proposed area for designation is the whole of the Ward of Windlesham. This area is outlined in red on the attached Ordnance Survey map.

2. Appropriateness of designation as a Neighbourhood Area

Statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area:

- a. The proposed Windlesham Neighbourhood Area conforms to the established and official Windlesham Ward boundary.
- b. A Neighbourhood Area that follows the Ward boundary will ensure that much of the data to be used in the evidence gathering process of Neighbourhood Planning is consistent with the boundary of the Neighbourhood Area.
- c. The proposed Windlesham Neighbourhood Area does not overlap any adjoining parish, ward or existing Neighbourhood Area.

- d. We have taken advice from Locality on the setting of the Neighbourhood Area and we believe that the 3 villages (of Lightwater, Bagshot and Windlesham) are too disparate and distinct to be treated as a whole. Windlesham Ward is predominately semi-rural, sitting within the Green Belt, and has specific rural exclusion issues that are not experienced by the more urban villages of Bagshot and Lightwater e.g. lack of health facilities, poor public transport links, declining village centre, lack of elderly residential care, etc.
- e. Windlesham village residents consider their neighbourhood to be Windlesham village rather than Windlesham Parish and approx. 300 residents have so far given their support to a Windlesham Ward plan rather than a Windlesham Parish plan. The Steering Group volunteers driving the plan are overwhelming in favour of a ward based plan rather than a Parish based plan.
- f. Objective 1 of the SHBC Corporate Plan - *Making Surrey Heath an even better place where people are happy to live* and Objective 3 *We will build and encourage communities where people can live happily and healthily* - will be better fulfilled by a Windlesham Ward specific plan as it will help to ensure that the village can shape its own development through research and community engagement.
- g. Policies that cover all 3 villages as a whole are most likely to be already covered by the Core Strategy.

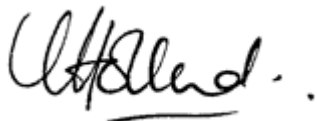
3. Relevant body

Windlesham Parish Council is a relevant body as defined in Section 61G(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

We look forward to your support for this application to enable the residents in Windlesham to take this important next step towards building a Neighbourhood Plan for their area and to working with you throughout the process to reach a successful conclusion.

Please contact me if you require any further clarification about this application.

Yours sincerely,



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