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(with higher definition map)**

16th May 2013

Dear Jenny,

APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA DESIGNATION

Chobham Parish Council wishes to apply for the designation of a *Neighbourhood Area*. 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 -

- 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.*

Relevant body

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

Map of proposed area for designation

The proposed area for designation is the whole of the civil Parish of Chobham (shaded pale yellow and outlined in red on the attached Ordnance Survey map).

Appropriateness of designation as a Neighbourhood Area

- i. The area proposed is the defined administrative area of the relevant authority.
- ii. It does not overlap any adjoining civil parish or existing *Neighbourhood Plan* area.
- iii. The *Neighbourhood Area* comprises diverse communities, including Chobham village, Chobham Settlement Area, Valley End, Mimbridge & Fair Oaks Airport. It is naturally defined by Chobham Common to the north, Horsell Common to the east, water meadows to the south and generally wooded countryside to the west. Chobham village centre is rich in heritage assets (Chobham Conservation Area) and is a natural hub for local economic and community activity. The centre is also a focus for local retail and business activity serving residents and visitors alike. All areas of the designated area will be considered in the *Neighbourhood Plan*.
- iv. Designating the *Neighbourhood Area* enables the Parish Council to progress its recent visioning activities by pursuing the implementation of a *Neighbourhood Plan* (Council resolution of 28th February 2013). Creating a *Neighbourhood Plan* presents a vital opportunity for the Parish Council to fully engage the community to shape its own future, improve its social and economic wellbeing and enhance our high quality environment.

We appreciate your support to take this important next step towards building a *Neighbourhood Plan* for Chobham and we look forward 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,

JC Chaney
Clerk

