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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

On 20 November 2014, Cllr Vickers, the Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder, made the following decision. Any member of the Council, who is not a Portfolio Holder, who considers that this decision should be reviewed should give notice to the Monitoring Officer (Grainne O'Rourke) (in writing or by e-mail) to be received **ON OR BY FRIDAY**, **28 NOVEMBER 2014**.

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

DECISION:

To designate the area to be covered by the Totton and Eling Neighbourhood Plan as the area enclosed by parish boundary.

REASON(S):

As set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

As set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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TOTTON AND ELING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – AREA DESIGNATION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011, town and parish councils have powers to produce Neighbourhood Plans. Totton and Eling Town Council has recently expressed its wish to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for its parish. The first step of this process is to designate a neighbourhood area (under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012).
- 1.2 The Town Council has applied to the District Council and the New Forest National Park Authority to designate a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan (see Appendix 1). The area it proposes to cover is the whole of the parish of Totton and Eling (see Appendix 2). The District Council is the local planning authority for the majority of the proposed Plan Area, with the National Park Authority being the planning authority for a small piece of land in the south of the parish which lies to the west of the A326.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations set out a requirement that any proposed Neighbourhood Area is subject to a period of a minimum of 6 weeks consultation. A consultation was held from the 3rd October to the 14th November 2014 inviting comments on the proposed Plan Area.
- 2.2 Neither this Council nor the New Forest National Park Authority received any responses to the consultation.

3. DESIGNATION OF PLAN AREA

3.1 The Council and the National Park Authority are now required to formally designate the Neighbourhood Area.

4.0 FINANCIAL AND CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Government funding will be available next year to assist local authorities in supporting work on Neighbourhood Plans. An application will be made for this funding to support neighbourhood planning at the appropriate time.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5. **RECOMMENDATION**

5.1 Given that no comments have been received during the consultation period and the boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area is the same as the parish boundary it is RECOMMENDED that the Council designates the area proposed by Totton and Eling Town Council, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to this report, as the Neighbourhood Area.

6. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT

I have agreed to the recommendation of this report.

Signed: CLLR F P VICKERS

Date: .20.11.14

For further information contact:

Background papers

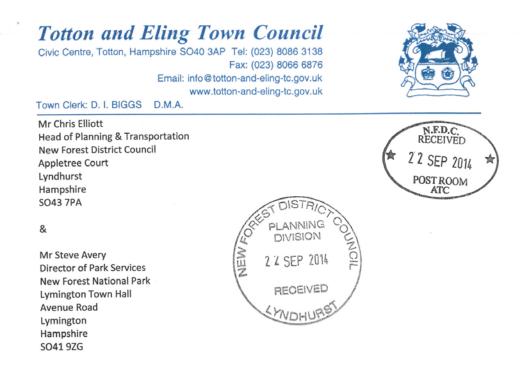
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None

Date on which notice given of this Decision - 21 November 2014

Last date for call-in - 28 November 2014

Appendix 1 : Letter seeking designation of Neighbourhood Area



19th September 2014

TOTTON & ELING TOWN COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

Dear Chris & Steve

We hereby confirm that we wish to apply to be considered for the designation of a new neighbourhood plan. We request that the whole Totton & Eling Town Council boundary to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Please find enclosed map showing the proposed plan area.

Totton & Eling Town Council is a considerable size and is home to around 28,000 residents. The proposed boundary is well established and has been in operation since the 1970s.

The majority of the proposed designated area falls under the New Forest District Council, however a very small section of land to the west comes under the jurisdiction of the New Forest National Park Authority.

Totton and surrounding villages have merged over many years to form a larger town yet the different village centres still retain their individuality and local amenities. Totton & Eling has had a significant and rapid growth in recent years and many residents wish to have a more direct impact on the shape, location and character of future growth within the area.

We confirm that Totton & Eling Town Council is a qualifying body under the Localism Act 2011 and a relevant body for submitting a Neighbourhood Plan.

Please accept this letter as a formal application for the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Yours Sincerely

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Derek Biggs Town Clerk

Enclosed: 1x Town Council Boundary Map

