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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

On 4 February 2015, 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 WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2015**.

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

DECISION:

To designate that part of the parish of New Milton that falls under the responsibility of this Council as local planning authority as the area to be covered by the New Milton Neighbourhood Plan. The proposed boundary was the subject of a 6 week statutory consultation period from 12 December until 23 January 2015. The National Park Authority will consider the designation of the rest of the parish, that falls under their responsibility.

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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NEW MILTON 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. New Milton Town Council have 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 New Milton (see Appendix 2). The District Council is the local planning authority for the southern part of the proposed Plan Area, with the National Park Authority being the planning authority for the northern part of the parish (around Bashley and Ossemsley).

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 12 December 2014 to 23 January 2015 inviting comments on the proposed Plan Area.

3. RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The Council received two responses to the consultation. Both of these were from statutory bodies. The government's Marine Management Organisation confirmed it had no comments to make, and English Heritage confirmed it had no objection to the designation of the New Milton Neighbourhood Area. In addition English Heritage offers assistance to Neighbourhood Forums on how best to understand what heritage they have and assistance on preparing appropriate policies (on a case by case basis, subject to resources available locally). No comments were made by members of the public.

4. DESIGNATION OF PLAN AREA

- 4.1 The Council and the National Park Authority are required to formally designate New Milton Parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Government funding is available this year to assist local authorities in undertaking their duties to support work on Neighbourhood Plans. An application will be made for this funding at the appropriate time. Grants are also available from the Government to Town and Parish Councils preparing Neighbourhood Plans.

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Given that no objections were received to the boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and it has the same boundary as the parish, it is **RECOMMENDED** that the Council designates the area proposed by New Milton Town Council as the Neighbourhood Area.

8. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT

I have agreed to the recommendation of this report.

Signed: **CLLR F P VICKERS**

Date: **4.2.15**

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Background papers

Appendix 1 – Letter seeking designation of Neighbourhood Area

Appendix 2 – Map identifying the Neighbourhood Area

Date on which notice given of this Decision - 4 February 2015

Last date for call-in - 11 February 2015

Appendix 1: Letter seeking designation of New Milton Neighbourhood Area

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1 December 2014

Dear Mr Elliott and Mr Avery,

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA FOR NEW MILTON

New Milton Town Council intends to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. Please consider the information in this letter as our application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area under the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

1. Map showing plan area

Please find enclosed the map indicating the parish of New Milton which is the area of the application. The majority of this area falls within New Forest District Council with a small area to the north falling within the New Forest National Park Authority.

2. A Statement explaining why the intended area is considered appropriate.

The parish of New Milton represents the full extent of the New Milton Town Council's administrative area of responsibility to provide services. The parish supports 24,500 residents and the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan will give the local community the opportunity to engage in locally-based land-use decision making.

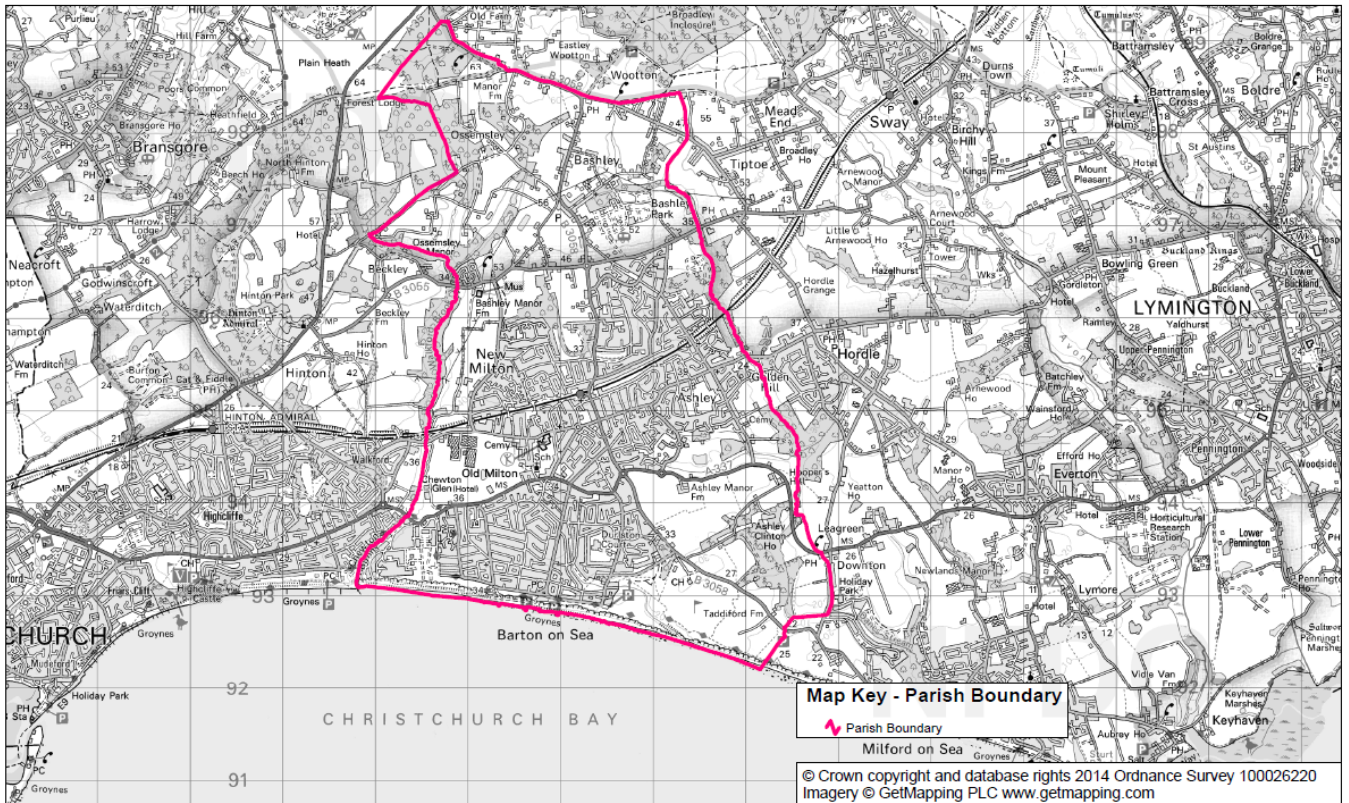
3. New Milton Town Council is a qualifying body.

I confirm that New Milton Town Council is a qualifying body under the Localism Act and a relevant body (section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act, amended) for submitting this application.

Yours sincerely

Graham Flexman
Town Clerk
New Milton Town Council

Appendix 2: Map identifying the New Milton Neighbourhood Area



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Title New Milton proposed Neighbourhood Area

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