

## Swanley Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation Responses

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Barbara Barnes	Highways Agency	<p>The Highways Agency (HA) is an executive agency of the Department for Transport (DfT). We are responsible for operating, maintaining and improving England's strategic road network (SRN) on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport. The HA will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN and in this case the M25.</p> <p>The Highways Agency offers no comment with regard to the Swanley Neighbourhood Area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment with regard to the Swanley Neighbourhood Area.</li> </ul>	12 Dec 2014
Catherine Tonge	Natural England	<p>I understand that a Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared for Swanley. We have no comments to make at this stage but they may find the following information useful.</p> <p>The area is mainly covered by the North Kent Plain National Character Area. The following link will take you to the profile:</p> <p><a href="http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/2900242?category=587130">http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/2900242?category=587130</a></p> <p>A small section also falls within the North Downs area so they may also like to look at that profile:</p> <p><a href="http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/7036466?category=587130">http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/7036466?category=587130</a></p> <p>The MAGIC website provides geographic information about the natural environment from across government. The information covers rural, urban, coastal and marine environments across Great Britain. It is presented in an interactive map which can be explored using various mapping tools that are included.</p> <p><a href="http://www.natureonthemap.naturalengland.org.uk/">http://www.natureonthemap.naturalengland.org.uk/</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comments on the area designation at this stage.</li> </ul>	16 Jan 2015
Paul Reeves	Manor Gospel Trust	<p>The Trust has no objection to the draft Area Designation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No objection to the area designation</li> </ul>	20 Jan 2015

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Jennifer Wilson	Environment Agency	<p>The Trust is responsible for the provision and maintenance of Gospel Halls on behalf of the London Assembly of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church. This includes the proposed replacement the existing Gospel Hall in Leydenhatch Lane. Additional smaller 'local' Gospel Halls to serve the PBCC are likely to be required elsewhere within Swanley. The proposed Neighbourhood Plan should recognise the need for new community facilities including Places of Worship in accordance with the advice of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) at paragraphs 28, 70 and 171</p> <p>SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL - SWANLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA</p> <p>Thank you for consulting us on the above. We have the following comments to make.</p> <p>Groundwater and Contaminated Land</p> <p>The area identified is located over sensitive groundwater. As such we would ask that areas of previously used land, derelict or vacant land and intensively used agricultural sites are required to ensure that re-development proposals deal with any contamination arising from past uses and remediate sites to minimise risks to future users, the wider environment and neighbours. Such sites can impact on local aquifers and affect groundwater quality or local groundwater fed surface waters (shown on attached map).</p> <p>Please also find attached the advice note "Planning for the environment at the neighbourhood level" for community groups and parish / town councils starting work on a neighbourhood plan, neighbourhood development order, or Community Right to Build Order.</p> <p>It covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ideas on how to improve your local environment through neighbourhood planning</li> <li>• where to go for information about your local environment</li> <li>• information on environmental assessment</li> <li>• when to consult us.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Raises the point that the area designation is in an area of sensitive groundwater.</li> <li>▪ Any site put forward for development should be carefully considered in relation to contamination issues.</li> <li>▪ Remediate sites to minimise risk to future users.</li> </ul>	04 Feb 2015