

Agenda Item 7

Shoreham Neighbourhood Plan Area - Update

The application for a neighbourhood plan area for Shoreham covers the whole parish, including Badgers Mount. As indicated in the appendix to the Environment Select Committee report, an objection was raised to the plan area by a private individual from Badgers Mount.

New legislation indicates that in parished areas the Parish Council is the relevant body to prepare a neighbourhood plan. However, full Council is shortly to determine whether a new Badgers Mount Parish Council should be established in 2015. In the light of this proposed future change to parish boundaries, it is considered that the administrative area of Shoreham Parish Council may not be an appropriate neighbourhood plan area. Further engagement with Shoreham Parish Council and Badgers Mount Residents Association will be necessary to determine an acceptable way forward on this issue. Following this discussion, a proposal will be brought to Environment Select Committee for consideration.

Recommendation to Environment Select Committee

For the reasons set out above, it is proposed that the recommendations to ESC be amended as follows:

Recommendation (b) be amended to:

That Portfolio Holder approval is sought for the designation of Neighbourhood Plan Areas for Edenbridge and Ash- cum Ridley.

An additional recommendation:

That the Portfolio Holder decision on the Shoreham Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Area application be deferred until after Full Council make the decision on whether a new Badgers Mount Parish Council should be formed in 2015.