

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Subject:

Under the Localism Act 2011, Parish and Town Councils have the opportunity to produce community-led plans, in the form of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Details of Decision taken:

To approve the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area for Fawkham for the area proposed in Appendix A.

Reason for Decision:

To allow the Parish of Fawkham to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with government guidance.

All Documents Considered:

Fawkham Neighbourhood Area Designation Application and Map

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications for the Council.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement:

N/A

Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty)

| Question | Answer | Explanation / Evidence |
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| a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community? | No | N/A |
| b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity | Yes | N/A |

(For Democratic Services Use)

Decision Number: 39 (2019/21)

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| c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above? | [REDACTED] | Include steps that could be taken for all decision options being presented. |
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Local Member(s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted

Details of any conflicts of interest

- a) Declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taken
- b) And any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict

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| Decision taken by: | Development and Conservation Portfolio Holder |
| Signed by Portfolio Holder | [REDACTED] |
| Date of Decision | 13 th May 2021 |
| Record made by: | DEMOCRATIC SERVICES |
| Date of record: | 18 - 5 - 21 |

From: Fawkham <fawkhamparishcouncil@gmail.com>
Sent: 12 January 2021 22:19
To: James Gleave <james.gleave@sevensense.com>
Cc: Laura Evans - Fawkham <laura.e.evans@hotmail.co.uk>; Alun Evans <alunevansus@hotmail.com>
Subject: Application under Part 2 (5) (1) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area

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Dear James,

Fawkham Parish Council, being the relevant body as defined in section 61G (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, hereby applies for the whole of the Parish of Fawkham to be designated as a neighbourhood area for the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan under Part 2 (1) (1) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012-2015. The area to be designated is shown by the boundary map below:



The Parish of Fawkham is considered to be appropriate for designation as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

- The Parish Council resolved to develop a Neighbourhood Plan at a Council meeting on 15th December 2019
- The pressures on land use caused by its location close to the urban areas of North Kent, meaning the continuing demands for development and changes of use on land designated as Green Belt, by which Fawkham is washed over, require careful control to ensure that any development is suitable for the area and will not detract from the amenities of the existing population and land uses in the parish.
- We have advised the Parish Councils with whom we share a boundary of this application (Hartley & Hodson Street, Ash-cum-Ridley, West Kingsdown, Horton Kirby & South Darenth, plus Longfield & New Barn within the Borough of Dartford). The two Councils with whom we share the longest boundaries with dwellings are Ash-cum-Ridley which has a draft plan, and Hartley & Hodson Street who are currently considering preparing a plan, and so we believe it is appropriate to use the Parish boundary as the designated area.
- We engaged all households in the Parish to seek residents' views on this proposal, using a variety of means, including a leaflet distributed in November 2020 to all houses outlining what a Neighbourhood Plan is, the benefits, and the implications, including cost. We also communicated via our website, email distribution list and the Fawkham Community Facebook Group. We offered various ways of contacting us (meetings, by email, by letter or by phone) and held two virtual meetings for residents in December. We received three times as many messages supporting the plan compared to those opposing it.

Yours Sincerely,

Laura Marchant
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