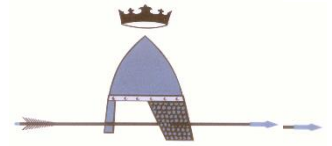




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20 February 2015

Dear David

Application for the designation of a neighbourhood planning area as required by Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 – based on the Battle Civil Parish boundary.

Battle Town Council, as a relevant body under section 61G (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, applies for the designation of the Battle Civil Parish as a neighbourhood planning area.

As required, please find enclosed the following documentation in support of our application:

- Appendix 1 - a map of Battle with the Neighbourhood Planning Area shown conforming to the Battle Civil Parish Boundary
- Appendix 2 - a statement explaining why the area is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area
- Appendix 3 - a statement that Battle Town Council is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Battle Town Council is establishing a working group to lead the work on its behalf, and both the working group and Battle Town Council intend to comply with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and applicable national planning and legal regulations.

We look forward to having the designated area confirmed in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 2

Statement setting out why the Civil Parish of Battle, as shown on Appendix 1, is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area.

2.1 Section 61G (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by The Localism Act 2011, defines a *'neighbourhood area'* as *an area within the area of a local planning authority in England which has been designated by the authority as a neighbourhood area, where a relevant body has applied to the authority for an area specified to be designated by the authority as a neighbourhood area, and the authority are determining the application.*

2.2 Section 61G (3a) of the Act states *'the specified area, in the case of an application by a parish council, must be one that consists of or includes the whole part of the area of the council'*.

2.3 Section 61G (4a) of the Act states *'in determining the application, the authority must have regard to the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish council as a neighbourhood area'*.

2.4 Battle Town Council considers itself a relevant body, as evidenced in Appendix 3.

2.5 The Battle Civil Parish is the administrative area of Battle Town Council.

2.6 Battle Town Council consider a holistic approach to neighbourhood planning for its administrative area is the most effective approach to ensure a consistent application of policies throughout the designated neighbourhood area.

2.7 It is therefore considered that Battle Civil Parish is the practical neighbourhood area for the development of a Battle Neighbourhood Plan.