



## **Ticehurst Parish**

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14 September 2015

Tim Hickling  
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Dear Mr Hickling

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

Ticehurst Parish Council, as a relevant body under part 61G(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, applies for the designation of Ticehurst Parish as a neighbourhood planning area. Ticehurst Parish Council was granted Quality status in 2010 and holds the Power of General Competence. It has thirteen elected Members and a 'qualified Clerk'. Ticehurst Parish Council initiated the preparation and publication of the Ticehurst Action Plan in 2003 and updated it in 2007.

Ticehurst Parish Council is a relevant body as defined in the Act, but will establish a Steering Group of councillors and residents to lead the work on its behalf.

Ticehurst Parish Council will aim to deliver a draft plan within 18 months.

**A statement setting out why Ticehurst Parish boundary is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area:**

The land within the Ticehurst Parish boundary is the administrative area of Ticehurst Parish Council.

In considering the possible neighbourhood area for a Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council were aware of the close links to other neighbouring villages, such as Etchingham, Hurst Green and Burwash. Councillor Maynard (Chairman of Ticehurst's Planning Committee) with the parish clerk, attended a meeting with the neighbouring villages to discuss working on a joint plan over an enlarged neighbourhood plan area. For logistical reasons it was not felt appropriate to proceed with an enlarged area but it is hoped that protocols covering liaison with adjoining parishes will become part of the plan.

It is considered that the entire Parish is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area, as it is self-contained, has meaningful boundaries, reflects the existing local sense of community and is generally meaningful and coherent for policy making purposes.

It is therefore considered that the Ticehurst Parish boundary is the practical neighbourhood area for the development of a Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan.

Ticehurst Parish Council believes that it has the experience, resources and commitment to be considered the relevant body for the development of a Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan for the purpose of Section 61G of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. The Council resolved at their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July to seek approval of the parish area as its designated area for neighbourhood planning. We look forward to having the Planning Area confirmed, so that we can move forward to the next stage of the process.

Yours sincerely

Francesca Nowne  
Clerk to the Parish Council