

Record of an executive decision taken under delegated authority by a council officer



REFERENCE:

NAME OF DECISION MAKER: Dr Anthony Leonard

DATE: 7th June 2016

POSITION: Executive Director of Business Operations

Subject of report:

Burwash Neighbourhood Plan Area Application

Further to Cabinet minute CB14/80 (April 2014) the Executive Director of Business Operations, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and the relevant local Member(s), has delegated authority to determine, and designate, future applications for a Neighbourhood Area for a single Parish that are made by that Parish Council.

Date of decision

June 2016

Decision made

That the designation of Burwash Civil Parish respectively as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning be confirmed.

Reasons for the decision

Neighbourhood Planning is part of the Government's initiative to empower local communities to take forward planning proposals at a local level. This is outlined in Section 116 of the Localism Act.

Burwash Parish Council, as the relevant body for the purposes of designation, submitted an application to Rother District Council to become a "Designated Area" in order to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Burwash parish.

Burwash Parish Council submitted in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) as part of its application the following:

- A map identifying the area;
- Statement explaining why it is considered an appropriate neighbourhood area; and
- A statement that the organisation making the application is a relevant body.

In conformity with the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations the consultation for the Area application ran for 6 weeks commencing on Friday 22 April 2016 and closed on 3rd June 2016 at 4.30pm. The consultation returned no representations.

It should be noted that Neighbourhood Plans should be in general conformity to the adopted Core Strategy and that planning officers will continue to liaise with the relevant body over the development of policies and proposals in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Following the decision Burwash Parish Council will be informed as soon as possible. Relevant Members for Burwash Ward (Cllr E. Kirby-Green) and the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning (Cllr G. Johnson) have been contacted and support the designation.

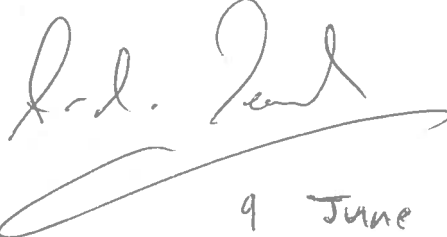
Options considered

n/a

Conflict of Interest (declared by any executive member consulted in relation to the decision and any dispensation granted).

Background Documents


BURWASH NP AREA
APPLICATION.pdf


9 June 2016

**The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 2012/637
Part 2**

Application for designation

Burwash Parish Council

14 April 2016

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 2012/637 Part 2

Application for designation

14 April 2016

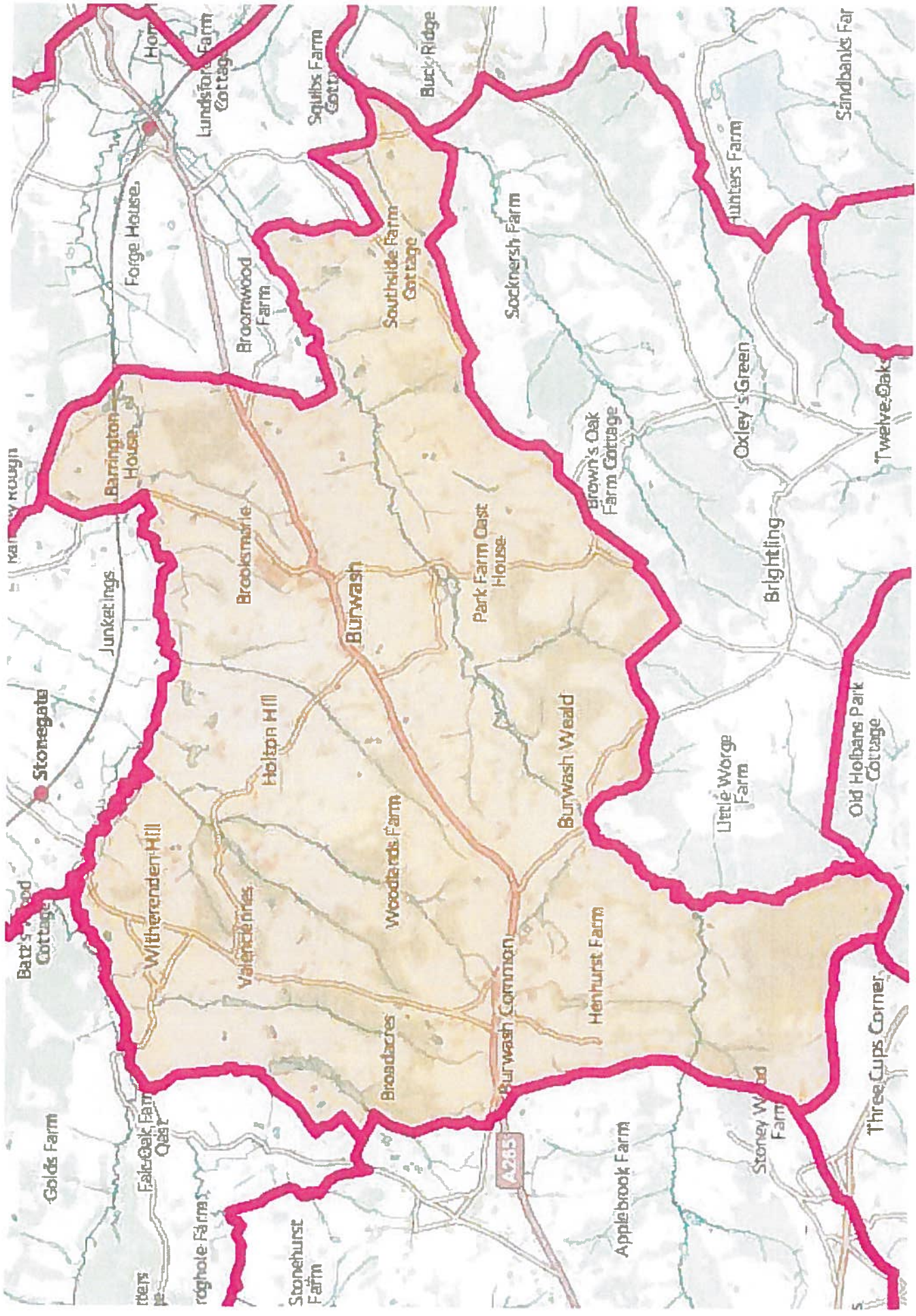
Applicant: Burwash Parish Council

Local Planning Authority: Rother District Council

- 1 In this application for designation the references to 'Regulations' are a reference to the regulations in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 2012/637 Part 2.
- 2 Burwash Parish Council by formal resolution on 9 February 2016 resolved to make this application.
- 3 **Consultation** Burwash Parish Council conducted an extensive consultation exercise concerning the proposal to create a Burwash Neighbourhood Plan. There were 179 written responses. 175 were in favour of the creation of the plan, 1 was undecided, 1 had no opinion and 2 were against.
- 4 Burwash Parish Council applies to Rother District Council to designate Burwash Parish as the area for the proposed Burwash Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5 **The map** (Regulation 5(1)(a)) The map accompanies this application for designation, as Enclosure A.
- 6 **Statement of why the area is appropriate for the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.** (Regulation 5(1)(b)) The reasons are:
 - a) The area selected, Burwash Parish, is the area envisaged as the normal appropriate area by Parliament when the legislation for Neighbourhood Plans was passed.
 - b) The local community and the local societies are predominantly based on Burwash Parish area.
 - c) Burwash Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of this application.
 - d) Any other area would cause difficulties in governance and cost, and would cause problems for Rother District Council.
- 7 **Statement that the body applying for designation is a relevant body** for the purposes of Town and Country Planning Act 1990 s 61G. (Regulation 5(1)(c)) Burwash Parish Council is such a body as Town and Country Planning Act 1990 s 61G(2)(a) designates a parish council as a 'relevant body'.

Signed: Jane Cheshire for and on behalf of Burwash Parish Council.

14 April 2016



Stonegate

Barrington House

Junket Ings

Gold's Farm

Fair Oak Farm Cottage

Witherenden Hill

Valence Farm

Holton Hill

Stonehurst Farm

Woodlands Farm

Burwash

Southside Farm Cottage

Buck Ridge

Park Farm East House

Applebrook Farm

Burwash Common

Burwash Weald

Henhurst Farm

Stoney Wood Farm

Brown's Oak Farm Cottage

Socketnesh Farm

Three Cups Corner

Liebie Worge Farm

Brightling

Oxley's Green

Hunters Farm

Old Hobans Park Cottage

Twelve Oaks

Sandbanks Farm

Main New Road

