

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



REFERENCE:

NAME OF DECISION MAKER: Dr Anthony Leonard

DATE: 15 July 2016

POSITION: Executive Director of Business Operations

Subject of report:

**Etchingham 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

15 July 2016

Decision made

That the designation of Etchingham 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.

Etchingham 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 Etchingham parish.

Etchingham 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. A map identifying the area;
- b. Statement explaining why it is considered an appropriate neighbourhood area; and
- c. 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 27 May 2016** and closed on **Friday 8 July 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 Etchingham Parish Council will be informed as soon as possible. Relevant Members for Etchingham Ward (Cllrs Barnes and Cllrs Elliston) 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).

n/a

Background Documents



Etchingham Civic
Parish - Map.docx

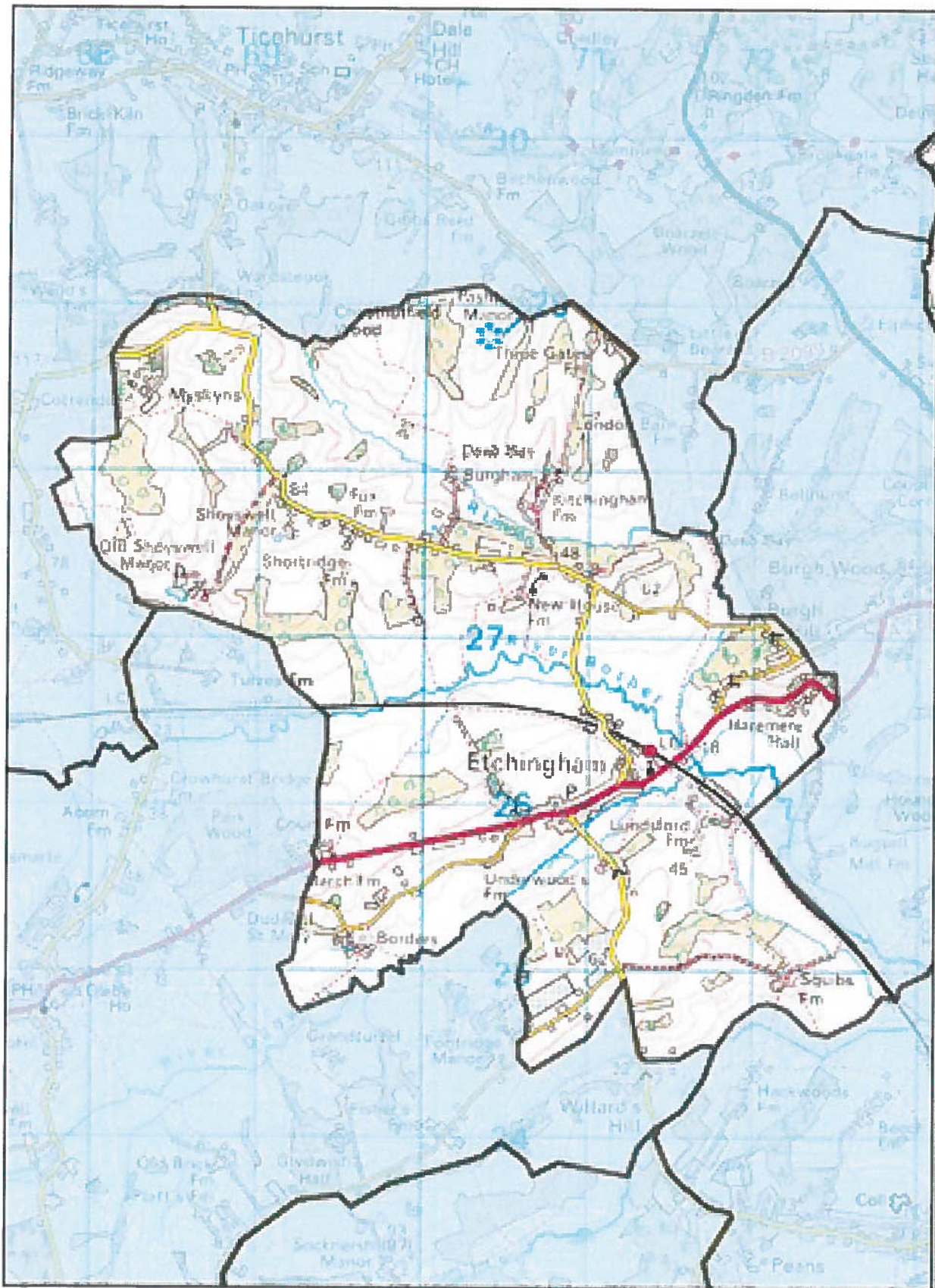


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Statement of why the area is appropriate for the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

(Regulation 5(1)(b))

The reasons are:

- a) The area selected, Etchingham 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 Etchingham Parish area.

- c) Etchingham 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.

Signed: Paulette Barton for and on behalf of Etchingham Parish Council.

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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)) Etchingham 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'.

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