

**Delegated Authority:**

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.

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**Decision:**

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

**Background:**

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.

Ticehurst 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 Ticehurst parish.

Ticehurst 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 4 weeks commencing on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and closed on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 4.30pm. The consultation returned two representations of support for the Civil Parish of Ticehurst as the appropriate area boundary for a Neighbourhood Plan.

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 Ticehurst Parish Council will be informed as soon as possible. Relevant Members for Ticehurst & Etchingam Ward (Cllrs Barnes and Cllr Elliston) and the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning (Cllr G. Johnson) have been contacted and support the designation.

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Date.....2/11/15.....

**Dr Tony Leonard**  
**Executive Director of Business Operations**