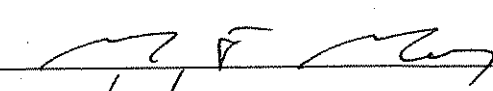


Record of Cabinet member decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Councillor Mike Murray
Key decision?	
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	Sophie Horsley Planning Policy Manager
Officer contact details	Tel: 07801 203608 Email: Sophie.horsley@outlook.com
Decision	To designate the parish of Steventon (Appendix 1) as a neighbourhood area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act.
Reasons for decision	<p>The decision addresses a corporate priority: 'Support for Communities'.</p> <p>Neighbourhood planning is part of the Government's localism agenda aiming to empower communities. Neighbourhood Development Plans will form the main policy document for designated areas and may allocate sites and set local policies for development. Plans have to be in compliance with national policy, in general conformity with local strategic policy in the Local Plan 2011 and the draft Local Plan 2029 Part 1 and be compatible with EU obligations.</p> <p>On 9th June 2015 Steventon Parish Council submitted an application for the designation of a neighbourhood area in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A plan of the area is attached. The specified area is the whole of the parish. Steventon Parish Council made the application and indicated that they wish to make policies</p>

	<p>and proposals within the Neighbourhood Plan to cover the area indicated.</p> <p>We publicised the application from 26th August to 23rd September 2015, in accordance with regulation 6 of The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. A summary of the consultation responses is in Appendix 2.</p> <p>The area is not primarily or wholly business in nature and should not be designated as a business area under section 61(H)(1) of the Act.</p> <p>The designated area is suitable to be designated as a neighbourhood area: it encompasses the whole parish and is an appropriate and discrete area suitable for the preparation of local policies and proposals.</p>
Alternative options rejected	<p>There are no significant issues to address with this application and therefore the options to refuse or amend the application are not considered relevant.</p>
Legal implications	<p>There are no legal implications of significance</p>
Financial implications	<p>Funding is available from central government to enable local planning authorities to meet their new legislative duties on neighbourhood planning duties in the Localism Act, which are to provide assistance and advice, to hold an examination and to make arrangements for a referendum.</p> <p>This central government funding is available in three stages: £5,000 at area designation, £5,000 when local authority publicises the neighbourhood plan prior to examination and £20,000 on successful completion of a neighbourhood planning examination.</p> <p>In accordance with individual cabinet member decision, taken in April 2013, we have identified the area as a large village and we will offer Steventon Parish Council a neighbourhood planning grant of £10,000, towards their costs in producing their neighbourhood plan, if cabinet are minded to designate the Neighbourhood Area.</p>
Background papers considered	<p>Appendix 1: Statement of Area Designation and Map of Steventon Parish</p>

	Appendix 2: Summary of consultation responses Appendix 3: Appraisal			
Declarations/conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?	None			
List consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Ward councillors		No comments	08/10/2015
	Legal		No comments	08/10/2015
	Finance		No comments	08/10/2015
	Human resources			
	Sustainability			
	Diversity and equality			
	Communications		No comments	08/10/2015
	Strategic Management Board			
Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt category?	No			
Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?	No			
Cabinet member's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature 			
	Date 13/11/15			

ONCE SIGNED, THIS FORM MUST BE HANDED TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.

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Form received	Date: 13-11-15	Time: 13:00
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Individual Cabinet Member Decision



Report of Head of Planning

REPORT NO

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DATE: 13 November 2015

Designation of Steventon Neighbourhood Area

Recommendation(s)

To: designate the parish of Steventon (appendix one) as a neighbourhood area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act.

Purpose of Report

1. To agree the designation of Steventon Parish as a Neighbourhood Planning Area.

Designation of Steventon Neighbourhood Plan Area

Background

1. Steventon Parish Council has submitted an application for the designation of a neighbourhood area in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A summary of the consultation responses together with a plan of the area is attached. The specified area is the whole of the parish. Steventon Parish Council made the application and indicated that they wish to make policies and proposals within the Neighbourhood Plan to cover the area indicated.

2. The attached record of Cabinet Member decision sets out the statutory requirements and reasons for the proposed recommendation.
3. In accordance with the procedures adjacent parish councils, ward councillors and statutory consultees have been consulted.
4. Issues raised covered general support or advice to the parish council. These are attached as an appendix. Thames Water have made comments on the need to safeguard an area for a reservoir but acknowledge that this is covered in the Local Plan and should not be a neighbourhood plan issue.
5. In a parished area a local planning authority is required to have regard to the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish or town council as a neighbourhood area (see 61G(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990).
6. In summary there are no significant issues to address with this application and therefore the options to refuse or amend the application are not considered relevant.

Recommendation

7. To: designate the parish of Steventon (appendix one) as a neighbourhood area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act.

Other considerations.

8. In accordance with individual cabinet member decision, taken in April 2013, we will offer Steventon Parish Council a neighbourhood planning grant of £10,000, towards their costs in producing their neighbourhood plan, if cabinet are minded to designate the Neighbourhood Area.

Appendix 1 – Statement of Area Designation and Map of Steventon

Neighbourhood Planning Area Designation Application Form



Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012



1. Single point of contact regarding the Neighbourhood Plan

Title: First Name: Surname:

Address:

Postcode: Telephone:

Email:

2. Parish clerk details (if different from those above)

Title: First Name: Surname:

Address:

Postcode: Telephone:

Email:

3. Relevant Body

Please confirm that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations.

Yes No

Name of Relevant Body:

Note: in areas covered by a town or parish council, the town or parish council is the relevant body. For applications covering more than one parish area, please nominate a lead parish to act as the Relevant Body. If your area is not covered by a parish council (only a parish meeting), please contact the Planning Policy Team before making your application.

4. Extent of area

Please attach an OS plan showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and indicate below the relationship of the proposed area to parish boundaries. For further information about obtaining OS maps please see note 1.

Proposed area covers the whole of a single parish boundary area:

Proposed area covers part of a single parish boundary area:

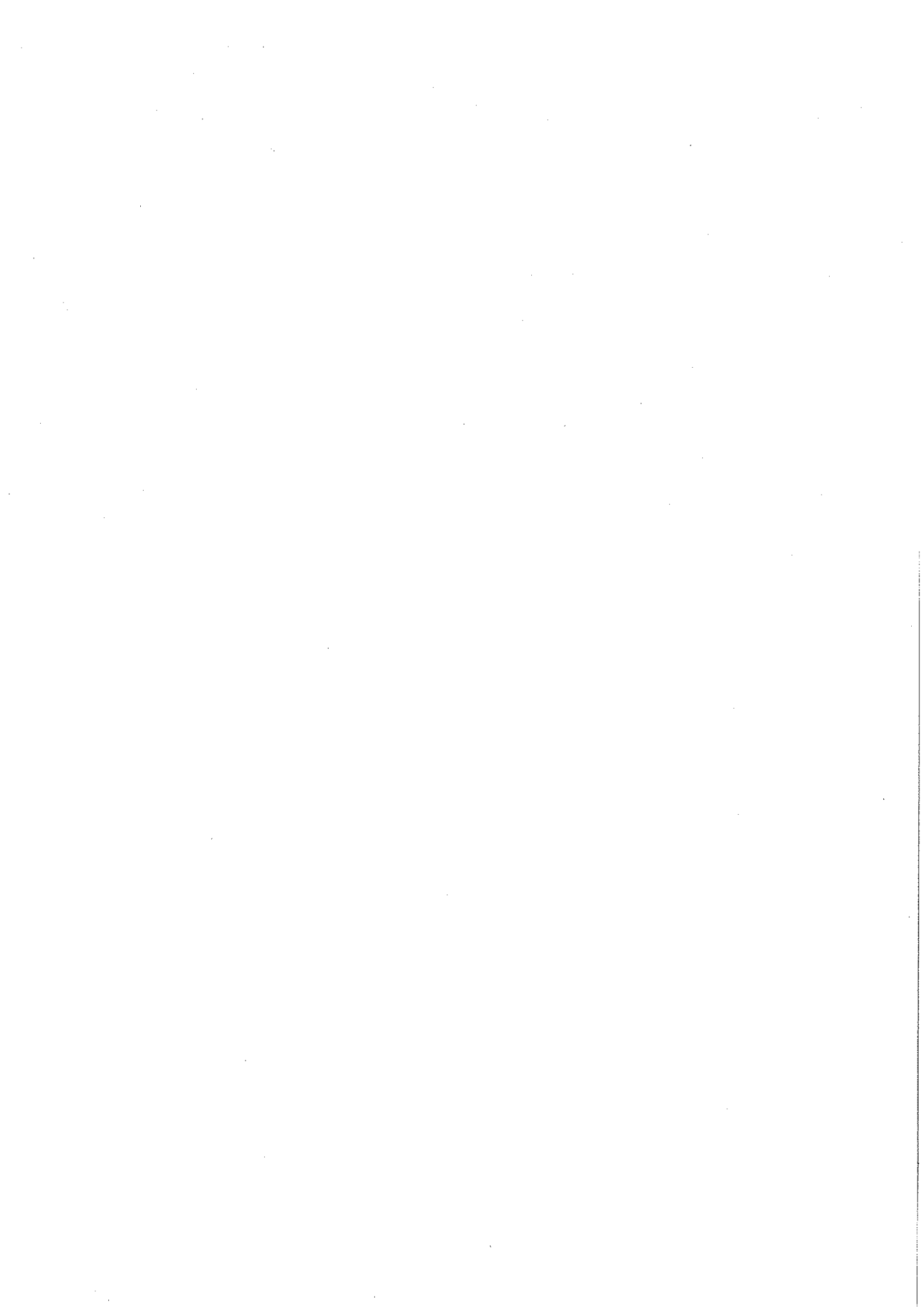
Proposed area covers multiple parish boundary areas:

5. Applications covering more than one parish area:

If your application area covers more than one parish area, please list the parishes covered by the area application, the extent of the parish included and obtain consent from the parish by getting them to sign below:

Name Town/Parish Council	Extent of parish included in Neighbourhood Area	Name and Position	Authorising Signature

By signing this form your Parish Council is agreeing to the inclusion of part or the whole of your parish into the Neighbourhood Area named below and shown on the attached OS map.



6. Name of Neighbourhood Area

Please give the name by which your Neighbourhood Area will be formally known

Steventon

7. Intention of neighbourhood area:

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area:

Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Neighbourhood Development Order:

Community Right to Build Order:

8. Reasons for considering the area appropriate

Please briefly describe below why you consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area:

The area is the entire Parish of Steventon.

9. Previous applications

Has this relevant body previously submitted an application to designate a neighbourhood area, which has not yet been determined?

Yes

No

10. Withdrawal of previous application

If you answered 'yes' to question 9 above, please sign below to withdraw your previous application

I/we hereby wish to withdraw any previous application/s to designate a neighbourhood area made by this relevant body

Name:

Date:

Signature:

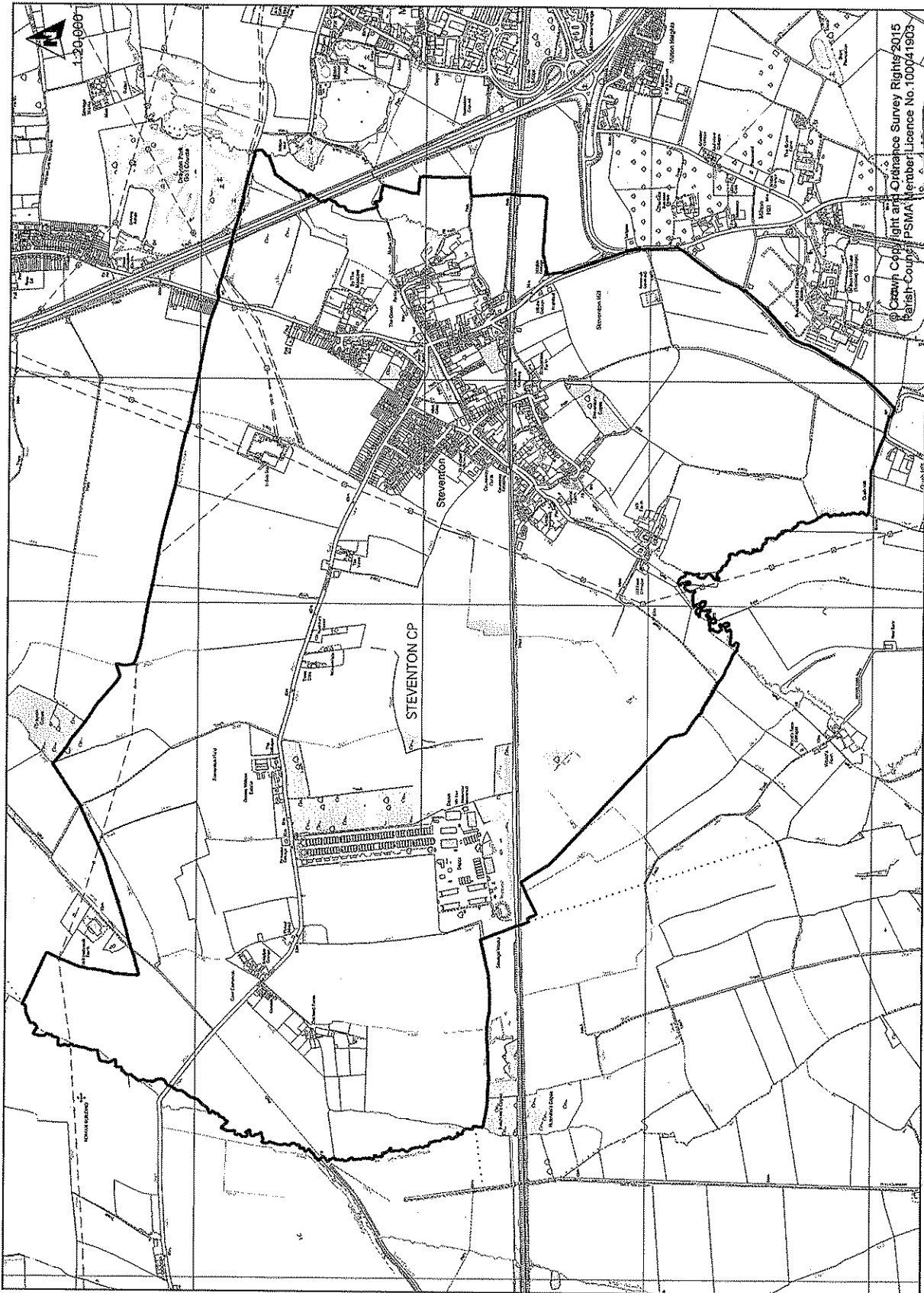
11. Declaration

I/we hereby apply to designate a Neighbourhood Area as described on this form and the accompanying plan.

Name:

Date:

Signature:



Appendix 2: Summary of consultation responses

	Consultee	Organisation/ Agent	Support proposed area?	Comments	Council's Response

<p>1.</p> <p>idea the</p>	<p><u>Natural England</u></p>		<p>Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Plans where the Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum considers our interests would be affected by the proposals. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders where proposals are likely to affect a Site of Special Scientific Interest or 20 hectares or more of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land. We must also be consulted on Strategic Environmental Assessments, Habitats Regulations Assessment screening and Environmental Impact Assessments, where these are required. Your local planning authority will be able to advise you further on environmental requirements. The following is offered as general advice which may be of use in the preparation of your plan. Natural England, together with the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Forestry Commission has published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the</p>	<p>Noted – Response will be forwarded to the Parish Council</p>
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				environment into plans and development proposals. This is available at: https://www.gov.uk/consulting-on-neighbourhood-plans-and-development-orders	
2.	<u>Highways England</u>			Highways England is responsible for operating, maintaining and improving England's strategic road network (SRN) on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport. We will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the A34. We have reviewed the consultation and do not have any comment at this time. However, we will be pleased to be included in consultations as the Steventon Neighbourhood Plan develops, where there may be an impact on the A34	Noted – Response will be forwarded to the Parish Council
1.	<u>Thames Water</u>			Thames Water are the statutory water and sewerage undertaker for the proposed Steventon Neighbourhood Planning Area and the wider Vale of White Horse District and are hence a "specific consultation body" in accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012. As such we have the following comments on the Neighbourhood Planning Area designation on behalf of	Noted – Response will be forwarded to the Parish Council

Designation of Steventon Neighbourhood Plan Area - Appraisal

Background

9. Steventon Parish Council has submitted an application for the designation of a neighbourhood area in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A summary of the consultation responses together with a plan of the area is attached. The specified area is the whole of the parish. Steventon Parish Council made the application and indicated that they wish to make policies and proposals within the Neighbourhood Plan to cover the area indicated.
10. In accordance with the statutory procedures adjacent Parish Councils, together with statutory consultees have been consulted. Ward Members have been consulted on this report.
11. Issues raised covered general advice to the Parish Council, The responses are set out in the attached report. None give cause to reject this application.
12. In a parished area a local planning authority is required to have regard to the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish or town council as a neighbourhood area (see 61G(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990). In this case no reasons have been put forward to amend or refuse the application.

Options

13. The Council has the discretion to approve, refuse or modify an application for designation subject to reasons. In this case there is no case put forward to refuse or amend the application.
14. The recommendation is therefore to approve the application as submitted.

			<p>Thames Water:</p> <p>It should be recognised that the proposed Neighbourhood Planning Area includes part of the area safeguarded for a new reservoir.</p> <p>Policy 14 of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part One: Strategic Sites and Policies, November 2014, sets out that land is safeguarded for a reservoir and ancillary works between the settlements of East Hanney, Drayton and Steventon and that development that might prejudice the implementation of the Upper Thames Reservoir will be refused. Thames Water have supported Policy 14 in principle, but recommended that the safeguarded area plan be amended to include the ancillary works including the areas of land required for the diversion of the Hanney to Steventon Road and the Wilts and Berks Canal (please refer to attached plan).</p> <p>The Steventon Neighbourhood Plan should be in general conformity with the Local Plan and therefore should not prejudice the reservoir proposal, as safeguarded by Policy 14 of the Local Plan</p>	
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