

# Planning Services

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## **By email**

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23 January 2024

Dear Jane,

## **Decision regarding the designation of Ardington and Lockinge as a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.**

This letter confirms that on 10 January 2024, the Head of Planning at Vale of White Horse District Council, designated the area shown on Map 1 below as the 'Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Area'.

This designation has been made for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan by Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council under section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended. It was decided not to designate the area as a business area under section 61H(1) of the Act as it is not primarily or wholly business in nature. The relevant designation information is set out below:

- a) Name of neighbourhood area: Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Area
- b) Map of neighbourhood area included below
- c) Relevant body: Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council
- d) The area designation application as submitted is available in Appendix 1

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Soppet  
Planning Policy Officer (Neighbourhood)

Appendix 1: Neighbourhood area designation application

## 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
Ardington; Lockinge	Both Parishes	NA	NA

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.

Appendix 1 (cont)

**6. Name of Neighbourhood Area**  
Please give the name by which your Neighbourhood Area will be formally known

Ardington & Lockinge Neighbourhood Development Plan

**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:

See supporting statement

**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: 11th Dec 2023

Signature:

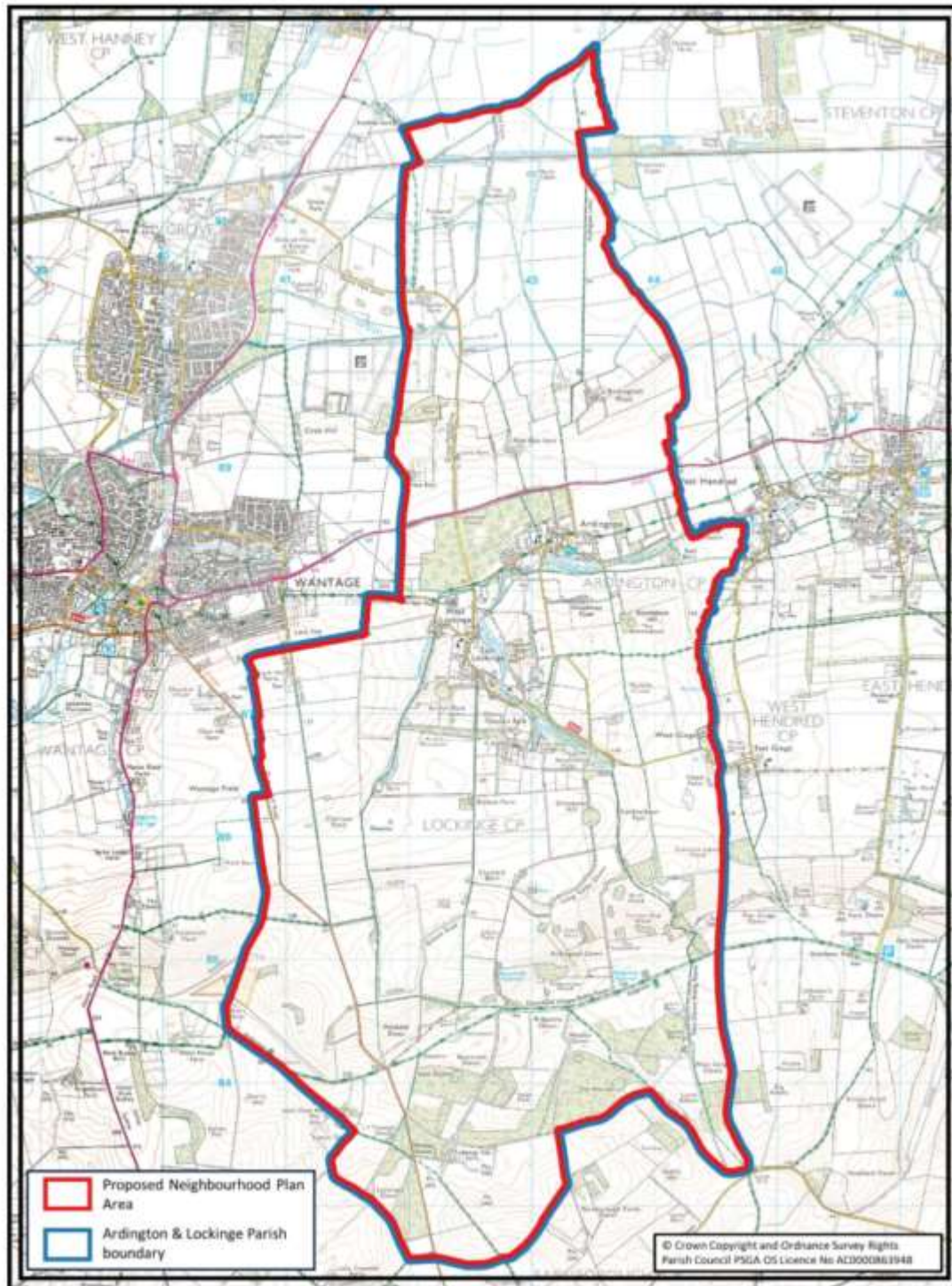
**Please return the form to:**

<b>Vale of White Horse District Council</b> 135 Eastern Avenue Milton, Milton Park, OX144SB planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk	or	<b>South Oxfordshire District Council</b> 135 Eastern Avenue Milton, Milton Park, OX144SB planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk
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**Publications of applications to the Council's website.**  
Please note, as required under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a copy of this form and accompanying information will be published on the Council's website. However, all personal information, with the exception of the name and address of the main contacts, will be redacted from the website. The complete form will be available to view in the council offices. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Planning Policy Team.

Appendix 1 (cont)

Map of the proposed Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Area (Map 1)





**Application to Vale of White Horse District council for the designation of Ardington & Lockinge Parish Council as the Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of producing the Ardington & Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, s5' 1'**

1. Ardington & Lockinge Parish Council resolved at its Parish Council Meeting on 30/10/2023 to proceed with the production of a Neighbourhood plan and this Application is the preliminary stage in that process. It is submitted that the whole of the two parishes of Ardington and Lockinge is the appropriate area to be designated as the Ardington & Lockinge Neighbourhood Area.
2. Ardington and Lockinge are two adjacent rural parishes with communities formed around two classic "planned" Estate villages built in a uniform style from the second half of the nineteenth century. In 2000, the two parishes were officially grouped into Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council and so it is logical that a single Neighbourhood Plan includes both parishes.
3. The 2,594 hectare area includes the villages of Ardington, East Lockinge, West Lockinge and the two hamlets West Ginge and Ardington Wick, with a total population of around 480 residents and 210 households.
4. About 83% of the land is farmed but the two parishes include important heritage and environmental assets. Three quarters of the area is part of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape (an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and the Ridgeway National Trails crosses both parishes in the south. Most of the villages of Ardington and Lockinge are covered by a Conservation Area.
5. There are 32 Grade II listed buildings and places, and 4 Scheduled Monuments. These are 3 sections of Grim's Ditch and Yew Down round barrow. Furthermore, the Icknield Way runs across the parishes and Arn Hill is the site of an Anglo-Saxon burial. The Gallops in Lockinge is the site of the annual Lockinge Point-to-Point.
6. Environmental assets include 3 chalk streams, which are an internationally important habitat (85% of the world's chalk streams are in England), 23 hectares of Ancient Woodland, 368 hectares of other woodland, 2 allotments and a Community garden, a play area and a sports field.
7. Geologically, the parishes span the Chalk downs in the south to the Greensand and Kimmeridge Clay in the Vale in the north. Half the land is Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2 land, which is amongst the best food producing land in the country.
8. Below is a map of the Ardington & Lockinge Neighbourhood area outlined in red.
9. Ardington & Lockinge Parish Council is a relevant (qualifying) body for the submission of this Application pursuant to section 61G or the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for the Ardington & Lockinge Neighbourhood Area Designation.