

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



**REFERENCE:**

**NAME OF DECISION MAKER:** Dr Anthony Leonard

**DATE:**

**POSITION:** Executive Director of Business Operations

**Subject of report:**

**Crowhurst 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**

**24 November 2015**

**Decision made**

That the designation of Crowhurst 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.

Crowhurst 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 Crowhurst parish.

Crowhurst 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 23 October 2015 and closed on 20 November 2015 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 Crowhurst Parish Council will be informed as soon as possible. Relevant Members for Crowhurst Ward (Cllrs Curtis) and the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning (Cllr G. Johnson) have been contacted and support the designation.

**Options considered**

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

**Background Documents**



cb150413.docx



cb150413 - 8.1 - Area  
Neighbourhood Design



cb150413 - 8.1 -  
Neighbourhood Area C



cb150413 - 8.1 -  
Appendix B.pdf

**Delegated Authority:**

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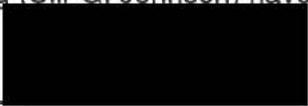
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Signed. 

Date..... 8 / 12 / 15 .....

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