

Ms. Amanda Jobling
Director of Home & Community
Chichester District Council
East Pallant House
Chichester
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P019 1TY

2nd July 2012

Re : Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Ms Jobling

I write in connection with Plaistow & Ifold Parish Council's proposed Neighbourhood Plan and to formally apply to Chichester District Council as our principal Local Planning Authority for designation as a neighbourhood area as defined in Section 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

As you will be aware, the Plaistow & Ifold Civil Parish is located in the north-eastern part of the Chichester District and being slightly more than 20 square kilometres in land area it stretches from Parkgate in the west to the Wey and Arun canal in the east and from Dungate in the north to Wephurst Furze in the south.

The Parish includes a significant proportion of sparsely populated open land including farm land as well as noteworthy areas of woodland along with four principal settlements at Durfold Wood, Ifold, Plaistow and Shillinglee.

The Parish Council considers itself the appropriate body to make this application as it is the 'relevant body' under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and intends to produce a Neighbourhood Plan following the identification of objectives for the development, redevelopment or conservation of spaces within the Parish for among other things housing, employment, recreation, green space, local services and transport and the provision of social, recreation and employment to improve the well being of residents and businesses within the Parish.

At its meeting of 26th June, the Parish Council unanimously voted to formally adopt this policy and to make this application. In doing so the Parish Council was minded to the fact that two adjoining Parishes Loxwood and Kirdford as well as Wisborough Green are also engaged in developing plans within their Parishes and having been in consultation with them via the North East Parish Cluster aspire to wider engagement with a long term aim of investigating the feasibility of establishing a single plan to cover the four north eastern Parishes within the Chichester District Council area outside of the South Downs National Park. The purpose of any future cooperative

plan would be to facilitate the delivery of essential local services in order to improve the well being of residents and businesses within the Parishes.

The Parish Council has also considered the geographic area to which this application should relate and at its meeting of 26th June the Parish Council unanimously voted that the application area for the initial Neighbourhood Plan should be identified as the existing area of the Civil Parish of Plaistow and Ifold. I attach a map which identifies the area to which this application relates.

Finally, the Parish Council is also aware that a small part of the area of the Parish which lies to the western end of the Parish lies within the South Downs National Park and that body is therefore being copied with this application as it is the view of the Parish Council that it should be consulted with in respect of those parts of the plan which fall within this area.

It would be appreciated if you would acknowledge receipt of this application in order that I may report back to the council on progress in this respect.

Yours sincerely

Stuart East
Chairman
Plaistow & Ifold Parish Council