

To: [EHDC Planning Policy Team]

[South Downs National Park Authority – Planning Policy]

**Application for Designation of Horndean Parish as a Neighbourhood Area**

Following strong support at the Annual Parish Meeting and unanimous support for a motion put forward at the 4 August Parish Council meeting, Horndean Parish Council hereby applies for the formal designation of the whole of the Horndean Parish as a neighbourhood area, in accordance with Section 61G(3)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). The area boundary is shown on the attached map, which also highlights the parts of the Parish which fall within the South Downs National Park.

**Justification for the Designation of the Neighbourhood Area**

Horndean Parish Council is keen to take a longer term and broader view of planning policy in respect of refining and implementing EHDC and SDNPA Local Plans, to reflect the distinctive character and needs of our community, building on evidence of the local natural and built environment and on existing design aspirations and to ensure that additional development is properly situated, integrated and supported within the local community.

It believes that the most effective policy vehicle to achieve this is the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan which embraces the whole parish both geographically and through a process of consultation and engagement with all residents and stakeholders throughout this process, notably through a Horndean Neighbourhood Planning Group, which would be established.

We also confirm that:

1. Horndean Parish Council is a relevant 'qualifying body' for this application.
2. The proposed area aligns with the established parish boundary and does not overlap any other designated areas.

Please confirm receipt and advise on next steps.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Andrew Redding

Chairman

Horndean Parish Council

