

Bentworth Civil Parish

Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation Application

This application for neighbourhood area designation is submitted to East Hampshire District Council under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012(SI 2012/637)

It is submitted on behalf of Bentworth Parish Council.

On the 7th of July 2015 at the Bentworth Parish Council meeting Councillor and Chair David Hawes put forward the motion that the Clerk requests from EHDC the draft designation order and parish boundary.

The authorised signatories to this document are the proposer, of the above motion, Councillor Jenny Lewis and seconder Vice Chair Councillor Veronica Parker. There was unanimous agreement of the Bentworth Parish Council.

A map showing the boundary (edged red) is provided in *Appendix A* to the application.

Section 61G(3)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) states that the specified area " *in the case of an application by a parish council, must be one that consists of or includes the whole or any part of the area of the council*".

The parish council of Bentworth proposes the designation of the whole area of Bentworth Civil Parish, in line with the requirements of the 1990 Act.

Justification for the Designation of the Neighbourhood Area

For general planning policy purposes Bentworth is identified in East Hampshire District Council's Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy as one of the villages north of the South Downs National Park. Bentworth, in common with the other villages outside the National Park, is subject to significant levels of development and change.

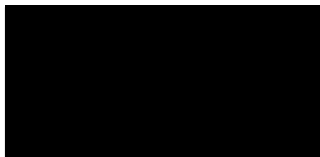
The parish has its own particular identity with a complex and dispersed settlement pattern occupying areas of high landscape quality.

Bentworth Parish Council is keen to take a long term and broad view of planning policy in respect of refining and implementing the adopted Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy to reflect the distinctive needs, character and quality of the parish.

Formation of a Neighbourhood Plan will build on the evidence of the local natural and built environment, incorporating where appropriate the work of recent community led planning initiatives.

Given the parish boundary adjoins Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council district boundary, the Neighbourhood Plan will also be mindful of the development plans of Basingstoke.

Signed by Cllr Jenny Lewis:



Signed by Cllr Veronica Parker:



In the presence of Allison Spyer (Clerk) and dated.