

**Bentley Civil Parish****Neighbourhood 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 Bentley Parish Council.

The signatories to this document are two members of Bentley Parish Council who were authorised to sign the document at the meeting of Bentley Parish Council on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

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 Bentley proposes the designation of the whole area of Bentley Civil Parish, in line with the requirements of the 1990 Act.

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

Bentley Parish Council has recently worked with East Hampshire District Council to prepare a Local Interim Planning Statement (LIPS) for the village of Bentley. This complements East Hampshire District Council's adopted Interim Housing Policy Statement in respect of determining planning applications for housing schemes in the coming months. However, Bentley Parish Council is keen to take a longer term and broader view of planning policy in respect of refining and implementing the adopted Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy to reflect the distinctive needs of the parish.

It believes the most effective policy vehicle for doing so is the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan covering the whole parish and not just the village of Bentley. It therefore proposes to convert the baseline evidence and emerging spatial policy of its LIPS into a proper Neighbourhood Plan for formal community, landowner and other stakeholder engagement through the autumn. It then expects the Plan to be submitted for examination by the end of the year.

Given the parish boundary adjoins both the districts of Fleet in Hampshire and of Waverley in Surrey, the Neighbourhood Plan will also be mindful of the development plans of both districts.

Signed by Cllr. *Peter Hurley*

In the presence of Jacqueline Hutton (Clerk)

Signed by Cllr. *JENNIFER TURNER*

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Dated:

*20th August 2014*

# Appendix A - Bentley Civil Parish Neighbourhood Area Designation Application

