

**Ropley 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 Ropley Parish Council.

The signatories to this document are two members of Ropley Parish Council who were authorised to sign the document at the meeting of Ropley Parish Council on 3 February 2015

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 Ropley proposes the designation of the whole area of Ropley Civil Parish with the exception of the small areas that lie within the South Downs National Park, in line with the requirements of the 1990 Act.

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

For general planning policy purposes Ropley 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. Ropley, in common with the other villages outside the National Park, is subject to high 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.

Ropley 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 Winchester City Council district boundary and the South Downs National Park, the Neighbourhood Plan will also be mindful of the development plans of Winchester and the National Park.

Signed by Cllr:



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# Ropley Neighbourhood Plan Designation Order Map

