

LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: Dr Denis Cruse

Bridge House, The Broadway, Lamberhurst, Kent. TN3 8DA

Tel: 01892 890237

Email: chairmanlpc@hotmail.co.uk

CLERK: Mrs Barbara Uren

1, Tanyard Cottages, The Broadway, Lamberhurst, Kent. TN3 8DD

Tel: 01892 890940

Email: parishclerk@lamberhurstvillage.co.uk

Reply correspondence should be sent via the Clerk

Mr. K. Hinton,
Head of Planning & Policy Planning Manager
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall
Royal Tunbridge Wells
Kent.
TN1 1RS

7th August 2017

Dear Mr Hinton,

RE: Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Lamberhurst Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Under The Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations) 2012, Part 2, Paragraph 5, Lamberhurst Parish Council submits this application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area in respect of the Civil Parish of Lamberhurst. A resolution to make this application was passed at the Lamberhurst Parish Council Meeting on 11th July 2017.

Please accept this application to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council as the relevant Planning Authority for Lamberhurst Parish Council to be recognised as the relevant body to produce a Neighbourhood Plan under the Localism Act 2011, Schedule 38C, paragraph (2)(a).

Under Section 61G of the Town & Planning Act 1990, a relevant body is defined as a parish council or an organisation or body which is, or is capable of being designated a neighbourhood forum. The application for designation of a neighbourhood area is submitted by Lamberhurst Parish Council, which is considered to be a relevant body for the purpose of this exercise and is therefore authorised under Section 61G of the Act.

Lamberhurst Parish lies in the valley of the River Teise, one of the main tributaries of the River Medway which is a highly visual and sensitive area surrounded by woodland, historic fields and routeways in a rural setting. There are 264 Listed Building or structures within the Parish including 4 in Grade 1 and 8 in Grade 11*. The Parish constitutes the Conservation Areas of Lamberhurst Village and The Down, The Quarter, The Slade and the hamlet of Hook Green. The whole Parish sits within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. A large proportion of the Parish is Registered Common Land and is on an extensive flood plain. Due to its nature and the communities 'sense of place' within its rural and historic setting the local community would like to designate the whole of the Parish for the Neighbourhood Planning process in order to give a holistic view of planning in the future.

We attach a map showing the area to which this application applies. The map shows the boundary of the civil parish. We submit this under the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, Schedule 9, Part 1, Section 61G (2)(a). We do not believe that the area designated overlaps any other neighbourhood area.

Lamberhurst Parish Council looks forward to working closely with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council in the preparation of the Lamberhurst Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Uren', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Barbara Uren,
LPC Clerk.