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31 March 2016

Dear Mr Lant,

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

As a public body constituted by Law, a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Hailsham Town Council hereby applies for the designation of the whole of Hailsham Parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the creation of its Neighbourhood Plan.

This application is made under the Localism Act 2011 as governed by Part 2/Section 5 of the Regulations. Hailsham Town Council has resolved to create a Neighbourhood Plan and has resolved at its meeting on 30th March 2016 that the Neighbourhood Area to be designated should be the whole of the Parish. This decision was made on the recommendation of the Town Council's Neighbourhood Planning Committee at its meeting on 25th February 2016.

This is considered the most appropriate approach due to the scale of housing growth identified for Hailsham in the emerging Wealden Local Plan and in the light of the fact that the Hailsham Area Action Plan currently in progress is also addressing issues for the whole 'settlement' of Hailsham.

I attach for information, copies of minutes from the HTC Neighbourhood Planning Committee Meetings on 25th February and 21st March, plus supporting documents including the High Level Project Plan/Roadmap, Communications Strategy, and scoping documents for the appointments of consultants. These documents and the recommendations of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee were approved at the meeting of Hailsham Town Council held on 30th March 2016. If required, I will send you a copy of the minutes from that meeting as soon as possible.

In terms of publicity for the consultation – the Town Council's broad communications strategy is as set out in the attached document. We will advertise the consultation itself on our notice boards, website and via our social media sites.

I would be very grateful if you could let me know if there is anything more you require from me at this stage. I would be very grateful if myself and members of our Neighbourhood Planning Committee could met with you as soon as possible to agree the period for consultation if necessary.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Best regards,

John Harrison.
Town Clerk, Hailsham Town Council

CC:
Cllr Nigel Coltman (Chairman and Mayor)
Cllr Paul Soane (Chairman of Neighbourhood Planning Committee)
Mickey Caira (Deputy Town Clerk and Business Enterprise Manager)