

# Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation

Regulation 5

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

**Fawkham**

**May 2021**

Dear James,

Fawkham Parish Council, being the relevant body as defined in section 61G (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, hereby applies for the whole of the Parish of Fawkham to be designated as a neighbourhood area for the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan under Part 2 (5) (1) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012/2015. The area to be designated is shown by the boundary map below:

The parish of Fawkham is considered to be appropriate for designation as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

- The Parish Council resolved to develop a Neighbourhood Plan at a Council meeting on 15th December 2019.
- The pressures on land use caused by its location close to the urban areas of North Kent, meaning the continuing demands for development and changes of use on land designated as Green Belt, by which Fawkham is washed over, require careful control to ensure that any development is suitable for the area and will not detract from the amenities of the existing population and land uses in the parish.
- We have advised the Parish Councils with whom we share a boundary of this application (Hartley & Hodsoll Street, Ash-cum-Ridley, West Kingsdown, Horton Kirby & South Darenth, plus Longfield & New Barn within the Borough of Dartford). The two Councils with whom we share the longest boundaries with dwellings are Ash-cum-Ridley, which has a draft plan, and Hartley & Hodsoll Street, who are currently considering preparing a plan, and so we believe it is appropriate to use the Parish boundary as the designated area.

We engaged all households in the Parish to seek residents' views on this proposal, using a variety of means, including a leaflet distributed in November 2020 to all houses outlining what a Neighbourhood Plan is, the benefits, and the implications, including cost. We also communicated via our website, email distribution list and the Fawkham Community Facebook Group. We offered various ways of contacting us (meetings, by email, by letter or by phone) and held two virtual meetings for residents in December. We received three times as many messages supporting the plan compared to those opposing it.

Yours Sincerely,

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