

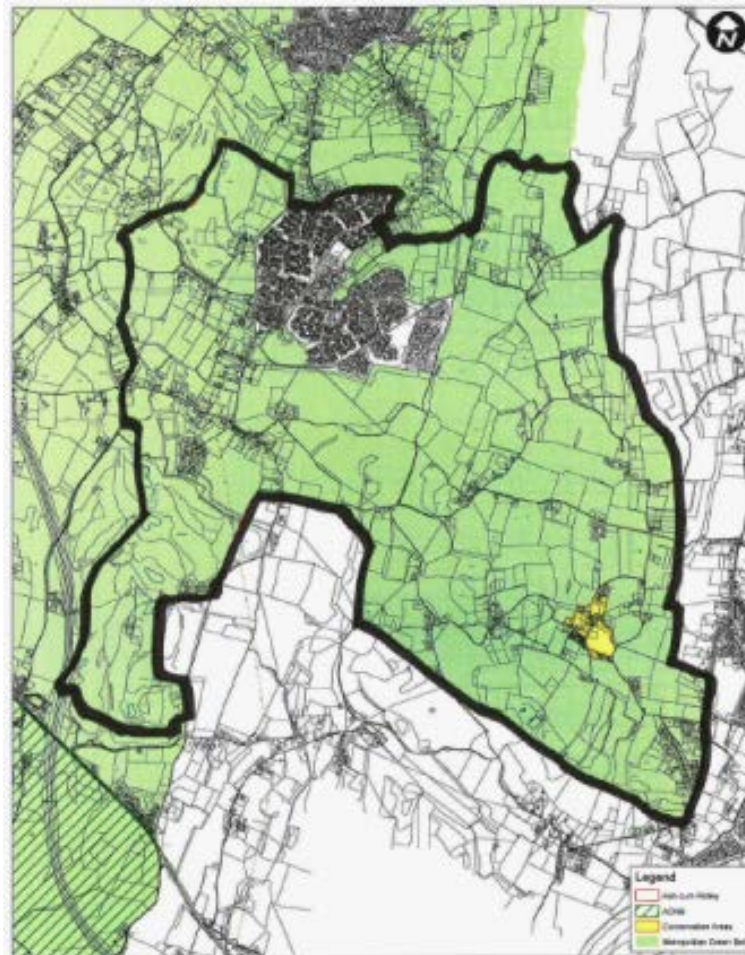
Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation

Regulation 5
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations
2012

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY
June 2012

Application for designation of a neighbourhood area under Regulation 5(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council, being a relevant body as defined in Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, hereby applies for the whole of the Parish of Ash-cum-Ridley to be designated as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of proposing a neighbourhood plan under Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The area to be designated is indicated by the thick black line in the following plan:



The parish of Ash-cum-Ridley is considered to be appropriate for designation as a neighbourhood area because of the pressures on land use caused by its location close to the urban areas of North Kent. The continuing demands for development and changes of use on land designated as Green Belt, which covers most of the area of the parish, 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 villages, hamlets and countryside. The settlement of New Ash Green was designed as a coherent development, within and closely related to the surrounding countryside; the existing non-statutory controls over the form and type of development within the village would be reinforced by a neighbourhood plan which would also help to protect its unique setting and its relationship to the surrounding rural area. The regeneration of the existing centre of New Ash Green, which provides the only retail facilities in the parish, would be facilitated by the involvement of the community through the process of preparing and approving a neighbourhood plan.

