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29 January 2025

Dear Town Clerk,

Decision regarding the designation of Didcot Town as a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.

This letter confirms that on 29 January 2025, the Head of Policy and Programmes at South Oxfordshire District Council, designated the area shown on Map 1 below as the 'Didcot Town Neighbourhood Area'.

This designation has been made for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan by Didcot Town Council under section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended. It was decided not to designate the area as a business area under section 61H(1) of the Act as it is not primarily or wholly business in nature.

The relevant designation information is set out below:

- a) Name of neighbourhood area: Didcot Town Neighbourhood Area
- b) Map of neighbourhood area included below
- c) Relevant body: Didcot Town Council
- d) The area designation application as submitted is available in Appendix 1

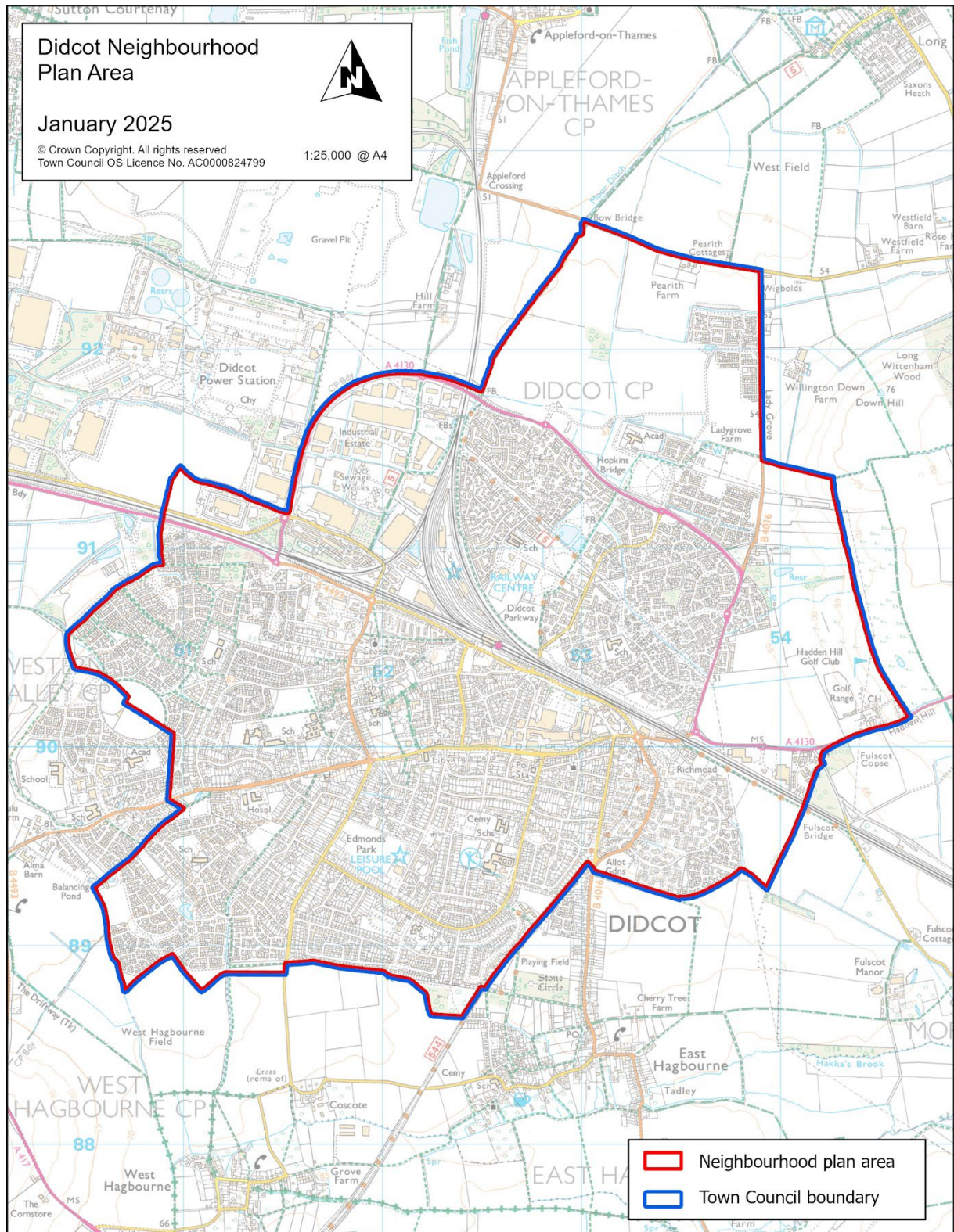
Yours sincerely,

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Planning Policy Team Leader (Neighbourhood)

Map 1 Designated Didcot Neighbourhood Area



Appendix 1

Neighbourhood Planning Area Designation Application Form



Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012



1. Single point of contact regarding the Neighbourhood Plan

Title: First Name: Surname:
Address:
Postcode: Telephone:
Email:

2. Parish clerk details (if different from those above)

Title: First Name: Surname:
Address:
Postcode: Telephone:
Email:

3. Relevant Body

Please confirm that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations.

Yes ☒

No ☐

Name of Relevant Body:

Note: in areas covered by a town or parish council, the town or parish council is the relevant body. For applications covering more than one parish area, please nominate a lead parish to act as the Relevant Body. If your area is not covered by a parish council (only a parish meeting), please contact the Planning Policy Team before making your application.

4. Extent of area

Please attach an OS plan showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and indicate below the relationship of the proposed area to parish boundaries. For further information about obtaining OS maps please see note 1.

Proposed area covers the whole of a single parish boundary area: ☒

Proposed area covers part of a single parish boundary area: ☐

Proposed area covers multiple parish boundary areas: ☐

5. Applications covering more than one parish area:

If your application area covers more than one parish area, please list the parishes covered by the area application, the extent of the parish included and obtain consent from the parish by getting them to sign below:

Name Town/Parish Council	Extent of parish included in Neighbourhood Area	Name and Position	Authorising Signature
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

By signing this form your Parish Council is agreeing to the inclusion of part or the whole of your parish into the Neighbourhood Area named below and shown on the attached OS map.

6. Name of Neighbourhood Area

Please give the name by which your Neighbourhood Area will be formally known

Didcot town

7. Intention of neighbourhood area:

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area:

Neighbourhood Development Plan:

X

Neighbourhood Development Order:

Community Right to Build Order:

8. Reasons for considering the area appropriate *Also see Appendix 1 (continued) for text below*

Please briefly describe below why you consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area:

Didcot town is a single parish that does not currently have a Neighbourhood Plan. Didcot Town Council reviewed the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan and resolved to develop a Neighbourhood Plan as we are a growing town with future development expected. The area is appropriate to be designated as it is the whole parish of Didcot. The parish boundary includes all the parish wards of Didcot.

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9. Previous applications

Has this relevant body previously submitted an application to designate a neighbourhood area, which has not yet been determined?

Yes

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No

☒

10. Withdrawal of previous application

If you answered 'yes' to question 9 above, please sign below to withdraw your previous application

I/we hereby wish to withdraw any previous application/s to designate a neighbourhood area made by this relevant body

Name:

Date:

Signature:

11. Declaration

I/we hereby apply to designate a Neighbourhood Area as described on this form and the accompanying plan.

Name:

Date:

Signature:

Please return the form to:

Vale of White Horse District Council

Abbey House, Abbey Close

Abingdon, OX14 3JE

planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk

or

South Oxfordshire District Council

Abbey House, Abbey Close

Abingdon, OX14 3JE

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Publications of applications to the Council's website.

Please note, as required under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a copy of this form and accompanying information will be published on the Council's website. However, all personal information, with the exception of the name and address of the main contacts, will be redacted from the website. The complete form will be available to view in the council offices. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Planning Policy Team.

Appendix 1 (continued)

Area Designation Supporting statement from Application

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