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Dear Mrs Oughton,

Decision regarding the designation of Great Haseley Parish as a Neighbourhood Area.

This letter confirms that on 20 April 2026, the Director of Policy and Programmes at South Oxfordshire District Council, designated the area shown on Map 1 below as the 'Great Haseley Parish Neighbourhood Area'.

This designation has been made for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan by Great Haseley Parish 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.

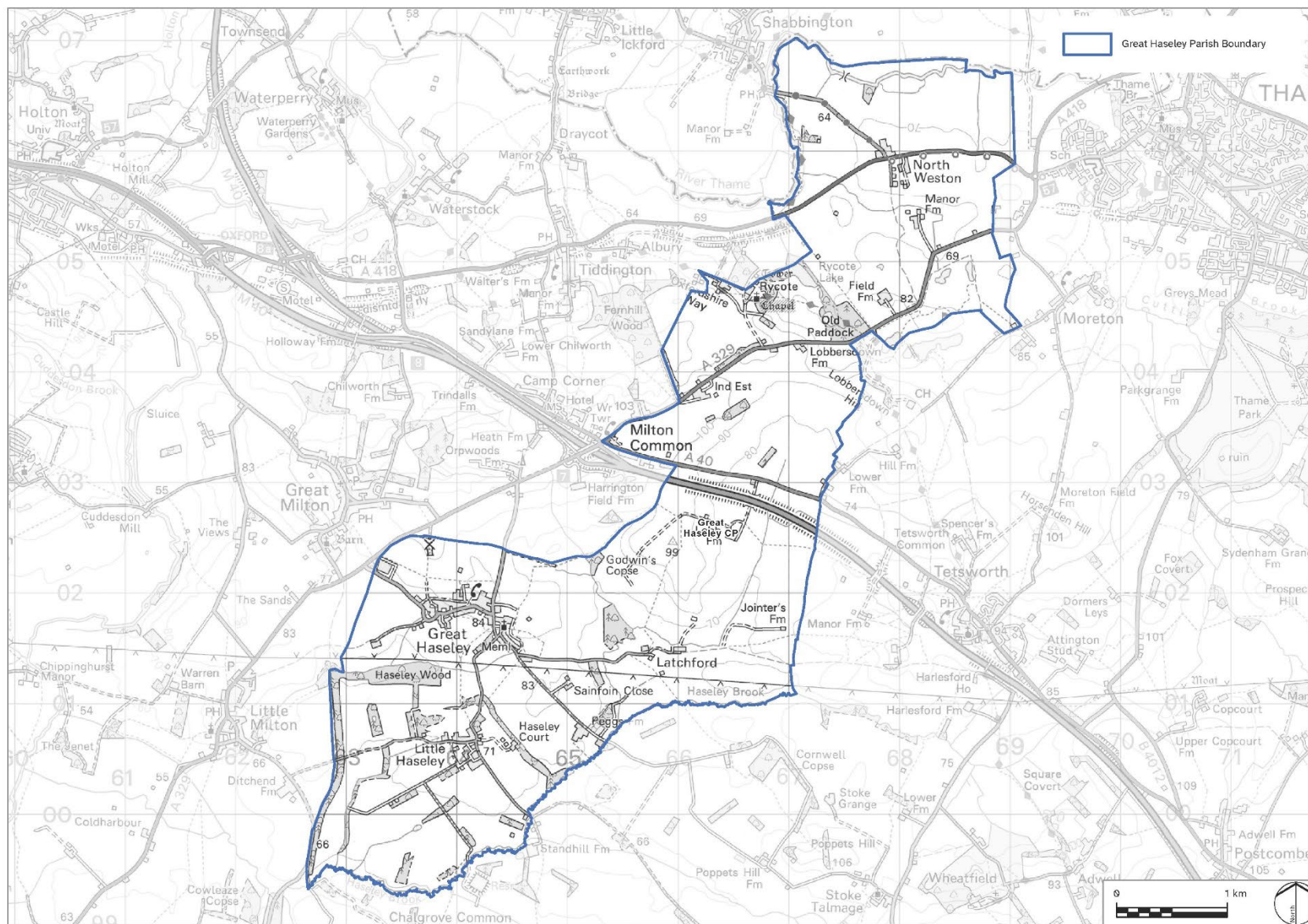
The following area designation information is published on the council's website:

- a) Name of the neighbourhood area: Great Haseley Parish Neighbourhood Area
- b) Map of the designated neighbourhood area included below
- c) Relevant body: Great Haseley Parish Council
- d) The area designation application as submitted is available in Appendix 1.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Gill
Senior Planning Policy Officer (Neighbourhood)

Map 1 Designated Great Haseley Parish Neighbourhood Area



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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 placing this form your Parish Council is agreeing to the inclusion of part or the whole of your parish into the Neighbourhood Area

6. Name of Neighbourhood Area

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

Great Haseley Parish

7. Intention of neighbourhood area:

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

Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Neighbourhood Development Order:

Community Right to Build Order:

8. Reasons for considering the area appropriate

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

BECAUSE IT COVERS THE WHOLE OF THE PARISH BOUNDARY, AND CONTAINS A VARIETY OF NUCLEATED DWELLINGS, AND RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

9. Previous applications

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

Yes

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
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Publications of applications to the Council's website.

Great Haseley Neighbourhood Plan Application

Supporting Statement

At its full meeting on 9th March 2026, Great Haseley Parish Council resolved to apply for a whole parish neighbourhood area designation for the purposes of the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. This plan would include a number of different types of settlement and rural communities, as well as businesses. The principal settlements included are the villages of Great Haseley and Little Haseley, both designated as Conservation Areas, reflecting their longstanding cultural and architectural significance; the ancient settlements of North Weston and Latchford, now mostly comprising agricultural buildings; small parts of other well established villages – Moreton, which lies predominantly within the Neighbourhood Plan area of Thame; and Milton Common, which lies within three parish areas (Great Milton and Tiddington being the other two).

In addition to these settlement areas, the parish area includes a variety of different rural businesses: significant farms; a major agricultural vehicle and machinery business; the recently purchased depot for South Oxfordshire's waste disposal fleet; and parts of the new commercial development on the north-east edge of the village, on Thame Road.

The core of the area is rolling agricultural land, with ancient woodland and bounded to the south by Haseley Brook, a tributary of the River Thame into which it debouches at Chippinghurst.

Acknowledging that the Neighbourhood Plan will therefore need to accommodate a variety of different areas and types of settlement, the Parish Council was also motivated by two specific reasons:

- First, the fact that most of our neighbouring parishes already have developed and adopted Neighbourhood Plans (Thame and Tetsworth to the north and East; Tiddington to the North West; Little Milton to the South West; Chalgrove and Pyrton to the South East). Designated as an "Other Village" in the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031, the parish is exempt from a requirement to identify areas within the parish for future development, instead limiting development to in-fill only. Nevertheless, given the focus on this area for recent, and future development proposals, the Council believes it is important that the whole parish area should benefit from a Neighbourhood Plan.
- And second, the consultations undertaken as one of the parish councils included in the South Oxfordshire pilot project of Neighbourhood Priority Plans identified a number of priority areas which the Parish Council believe can be better, and more forcefully, addressed through the adoption of policies with the full weight of an adopted Neighbourhood Plan behind them.