

# Planning Services

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## ***By email***

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15 April 2025

Dear Hannah,

## **Decision regarding the designation of East Hendred Parish as a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.**

This letter confirms that on 14 April 2025, the Head of Policy and Programmes at Vale of White Horse District Council, designated the area shown on Map 1 below as the 'East Hendred Parish Neighbourhood Area'.

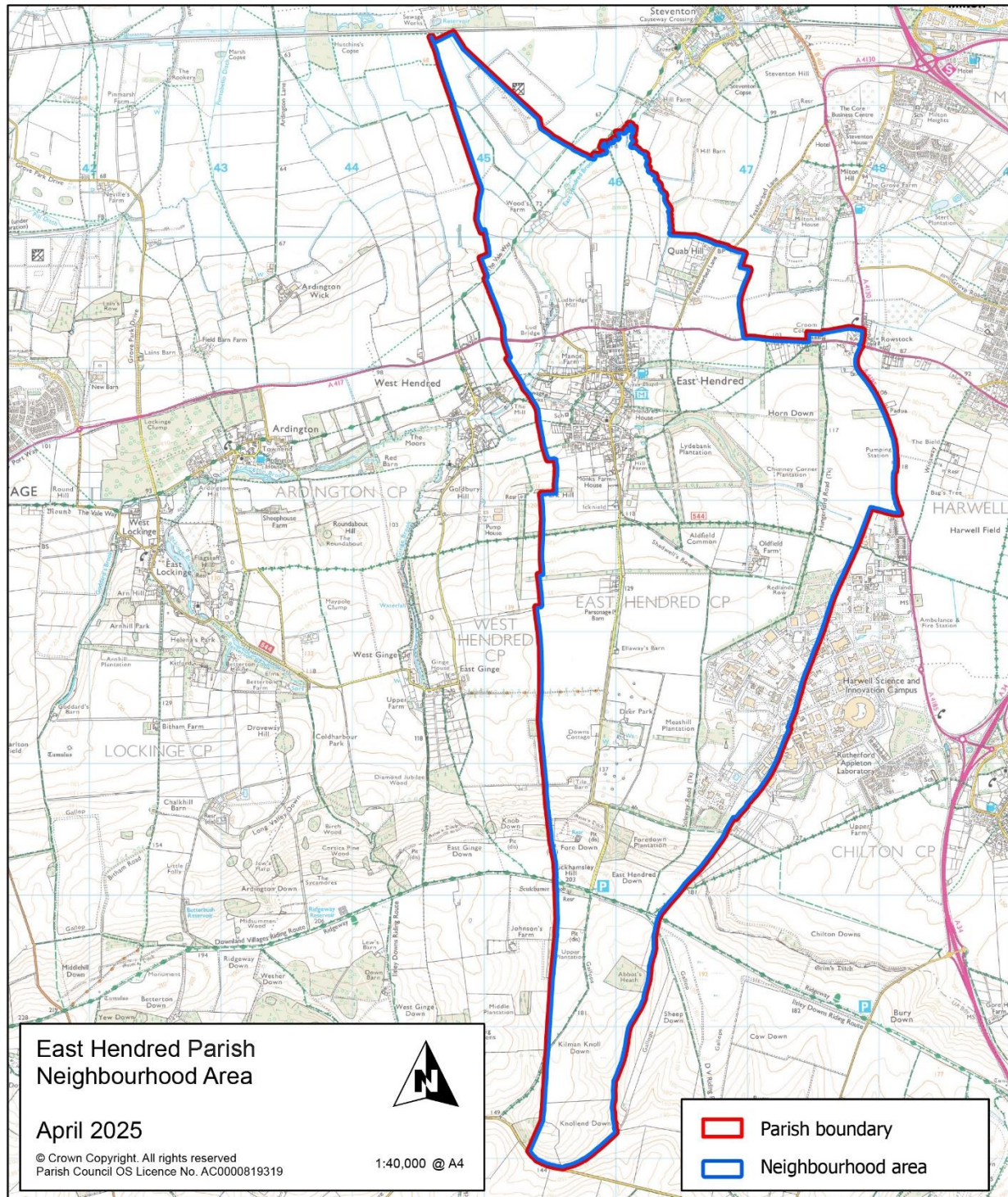
This designation has been made for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan by East Hendred Parish Council under section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended. It was decided not to designate the area as a business area under section 61H(1) of the Act as it is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

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

Yours sincerely

Tom Gill  
Planning Policy Officer (Neighbourhood)

**Map 1 Designated Neighbourhood Area**



## 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

East Hendred Parish Neighbourhood Area

#### 7. Intention of neighbourhood area:

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

Neighbourhood Development Plan:

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Neighbourhood Development Order:

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Community Right to Build Order:

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#### 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:

See attached document

#### 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:

John Sharp (EHPC Chair)

Date:

06/03/2025

Signature:

Please return the form to:

Vale of White Horse District Council  
Abbey House, Abbey Close  
Abingdon, OX14 3JE

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.

## **Application to the Vale of the White Horse District Council for designation of East Hendred Parish Council Boundary as the Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of producing the East Hendred Parish Neighbourhood Plan, pursuant to the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, s5'1'**

1. East Hendred Parish Council resolved, at its meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 to proceed with the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. This application is the first stage in that process and seeks to define the East Hendred Parish area as appropriate to be designated as the East Hendred Parish Neighbourhood Area.
2. East Hendred Parish Council is a relevant, qualifying body for the submission of this application, pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, for East Hendred Parish Neighbourhood Area designation.
3. A map of the East Hendred Parish Neighbourhood Area is appended to this document, with the boundary marked in red, as required.
4. By way of background, East Hendred is a spring-line village and lies on East Hendred Brook, which flows from the Berkshire Downs to join the River Thames at Sutton Courtenay. Whilst historically in Berkshire, East Hendred has been administered as part of Oxfordshire since 1974.
5. To the South, the Parish crosses the ancient Ridgeway track (now a National Trail) and passes Scutchamer Knob, an Iron Age long barrow. To the North, East Hendred is close to the village of Steventon. To the West, it adjoins its sister village, West Hendred. To the East, it borders the lands of Milton and Harwell parishes and includes part of the village of Rowstock. It also encompasses parts of the Harwell licensed nuclear site in addition to the world famous international scientific centre – established on the site of a WW2 RAF air base.
6. East Hendred (known as Hennarith in 956 AD) has a long history and a large number of listed buildings (of which there are 73) and scheduled historical monuments. These include the 5 manors located in East Hendred village. The parish includes a significant conservation area and mostly lies within the North Wessex Downs National Landscape (formally AONB).
7. The parish also include: two primary schools; two churches (St Augustine's, Church of England, St Mary's, Roman Catholic); two public houses; a village hall; a thriving sports club and ground; a village museum and many clubs and organisations, covering a wide range of interests and activities.
8. East Hendred Parish Council strongly believes that the parish boundary should be used to define the Neighbourhood Plan Area. This is to ensure consistency of planning and development policy (both residential and commercial) across the entire parish – in line with both the Local Plan and Strategic Site Plans (for Harwell). It should be noted that there is significant employment in both East Hendred and Harwell (and many Harwell employees live in the parish). As such, an integrated neighbourhood planning approach allows the opportunity to examine sustainable patterns of movement.

9. Of note, the following key stakeholders have been consulted prior to the submission of this application. All have indicated their support to the production of a Neighbourhood Plan and a desire to actively engage with the Neighbourhood Plan process.
- a. Harwell Campus – a major employer and active commercial developer
  - b. The licensed nuclear site, which includes the areas operated by Nuclear Restoration Services Ltd and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, with a stated aim to decommission land and release it for ongoing commercial development
  - c. The Science and Technology Facilities Council, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, which included the Diamond Light Source, national synchrotron radiation facility
  - d. The Hendred Estate – a major landowner and largest rented property owner in the parish

**East Hendred Parish Council**  
**6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**