

3rd December 2024

Graham Tuck
Planning Policy Manager
Eastleigh Borough Council

Dear Graham,

Preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan by Hamble Parish Council

Application to Designate a Neighbourhood Area in accordance with Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

In accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, I am writing on behalf of Hamble Parish Council to formally notify Eastleigh Borough Council of our intention to prepare a neighbourhood development plan. We therefore ask you to designate our parish as the neighbourhood area for the purposes of the plan.

Neighbourhood Area

The designated area for the neighbourhood plan is to be the entire civil parish of Hamble-le-Rice, as outlined on the attached map.

Why is this area appropriate?

The Parish Council considers the area to be appropriate because it defines the settlement of Hamble-le-Rice and its hinterland which must be planned for as a whole. The Borough Council recognises that parish areas are an identifiable and rational component of the local plan policies map and engages with parish councils on this basis for local planning purposes. In any case, the Borough Council is required to agree to the designation of the whole of a parish council area where this is proposed by a parish council.

Why is the Parish Council the relevant body?

A parish council is the only body which is permitted to seek the designation of the whole of its parished area for neighbourhood planning purposes as set out in S61G(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Our Approach

The decision to ask you to make the designation was made at the Parish Council at its meeting on 11th November 2024 where it was agreed that preparing a neighbourhood plan could greatly benefit our community at a time of considerable change and uncertainty.

We look forward to working closely with Eastleigh Borough Council throughout this process and welcome the guidance or support which we know you will provide.

Hamble Parish Council, Parish Office, 2 High Street, Hamble, Southampton SO31 4JE

Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to your acknowledgment and confirmation of receipt of this notification.

Yours sincerely

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Helen Robinson
Clerk

Attachments: Map of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan area