



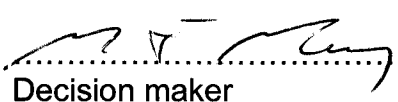
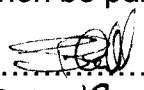
Vale of White Horse

District Council

**Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities
(Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England)
Regulations 2000**

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER OR KEY DECISION OF OFFICER			
1	Name of Decision maker	Councillor Michael Murray	
2	Type of Decision (Please <input type="checkbox"/> as appropriate)	Key Yes	Other
3	Date of Decision (This should be the same as the date form signed)		
4	The Decision	To designate the parish of Wantage with parts of Grove parish (Appendix 1) as a neighbourhood area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act	
5	Reasons for Decision	<p>The decision addresses a corporate priority: 'Support for Communities'.</p> <p>Neighbourhood planning is part of the Government's localism agenda aiming to empower communities. Neighbourhood Development Plans will form the main policy document for designated areas and may allocate sites and set local policies for development. Plans have to be in compliance with national policy, in general conformity with local strategic policy in the Local Plan 2011 and the draft Local Plan 2029 Part 1 and be compatible with EU obligations.</p> <p>On 9 October 2013 Wantage Town Council submitted an application for the designation of a neighbourhood area in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A plan of the area is attached. The specified area is the whole of Wantage parish with parts of Grove parish that immediately adjoin Wantage parish. These parts of</p>	

		<p>Grove parish have been included because they relate to recent planning permissions granted and also to land to be allocated in the Local Plan 2029 Part 1. Though the sites are within Grove parish they are immediately adjoining the built up area of Wantage and so relate more to Wantage than to Grove. Grove Parish Council has formally agreed to allow Wantage to include these areas within their Neighbourhood Plan area.</p> <p>We publicised the application from 23 October 2013 to 4 December 2013, in accordance with regulation 6 of The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. A summary of the consultation responses, along with officer's response, is in Appendix 2.</p> <p>The area is not primarily or wholly business in nature and should not be designated as a business area under section 61(H)(1) of the Act.</p> <p>The designated area is suitable to be designated as a neighbourhood area: it encompasses the whole parish and is an appropriate and discrete area suitable for the preparation of local policies and proposals.</p>
6	Alternative Options Rejected	There are no alternative options for consideration in this case.
7	Resource Implications	A Senior Planning Officer (Neighbourhood Planning) has been appointed to support communities in producing neighbourhood plans. There are therefore no additional resource implications arising from this decision.
8	Legal implications	There are no legal implications of significance
9	Financial implications	<p>Funding is available from central government to enable local planning authorities to meet their new legislative duties on neighbourhood planning duties in the Localism Act, which are to provide assistance and advice, to hold an examination and to make arrangements for a referendum.</p> <p>This central government funding is available in three stages: £5000 at area designation, £5000 when local authority publicises the neighbourhood plan prior to examination and £20,000 on successful completion of a neighbourhood planning examination.</p> <p>In accordance with individual cabinet member decision, taken in April 2013, we will offer Wantage Town Council a neighbourhood planning grant of £15000, towards their costs in producing their</p>

		neighbourhood plan, if cabinet are minded to designate the Neighbourhood Area.
10	List of Consultees (See guidance below)	Legal – Agreed 10 Dec 2013 Finance – Agreed 11 Dec 2013 Communications – Agreed 10 Dec 2013
11	Reports and Background Papers Considered	Appendix 1: Statement of Area Designation, Minutes of Grove Parish meeting and Map of Wantage Area Designation Appendix 2: Summary of consultation responses
12	Date of receipt of Reports	N/A
13	Declarations of Interests	None
14	Dispensations	None
15	Is this decision confidential and if so, under which Exempt category?	No
16	“Call in” Waived?	No
17	Signature and Date	 Decision maker 13/12/13 Dated
18	This form must be physically handed to a member of the Democratic Services Team	Note: The date and time at which this form is received will be recorded by the Head of Democratic Services. The decision will then be published and is subject to “call in”.  Date.. 13-12-13 Time.. 11:00 Head of Democratic Services Date and Time Form Received
19	Details of Publication on the Web and date of expiry of “Call In” Note: This part of the	Date of Expiry of “Call In” 20-12-13 Date Published... 13-12-13 Date hand delivered ^{emailed} to Chair of Scrutiny... 13-12-13

Appendix 1 – Statement of Area Designation, Grove Parish Meeting Minutes and Map of Wantage Area Designation

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Wantage Town Council

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9 October 2013

Mrs K Macdonald
Senior Planning Officer
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OX14 3JE

Dear Katherine

Request for designation of Neighbourhood Plan Area – Wantage

I am writing to request that the District Council approves the designated area to be covered by a Wantage Neighbourhood Plan. I attach a map. The proposed Plan area is bounded by a blue line. This principally involves areas within the Wantage Parish boundary, but includes some areas in Grove parish immediately adjacent to the boundary.

Grove Parish Council has indicated its acceptance that these areas be included in the Wantage Neighbourhood Plan, and I believe you have received advice of this. I put forward the area detailed in the map as being the most appropriate for this community. I look forward to receiving your confirmation of this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bill Falkenau'.

WP Falkenau

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Full Council meeting

10th September 2013

58 Council Chairman's Communications

All (a) Public meeting – The Chairman informed the Council that a public meeting would be held on Friday 20th September 2013 in the Civic Hall, Wantage from 10:30am until midday. He added that Ed Vaizey MP and Nick Boles MP would be in attendance to answer questions regarding proposed housing developments.

(b) Parish Council general insurance and motor insurance – The Clerk informed the Council of the cost of insurance for both general and motor insurance last year. He added that in order for the council to benefit further with this renewal it should enter in to a long term agreement for 3 years.

Following a brief discussion it was MOVED Cllr Dexter SECONDED Cllr Stock and RESOLVED unanimously

Clerk "to enter in to a long term agreement for 3 years and to accept the renewal quotes for £8,068.43 (general insurance) and £2,695.79 for motor insurance"

(c) Community Governance Review – Grove parish Boundary – The Chairman read a out a letter from David Buckle regarding the ongoing Community Governance Review. He said that the District Council is seeking agreement in principle to consider aligning the northern Parish boundary with the London to Bristol railway line.

Clerk Following a brief discussion it was agreed in principle that the Community Governance Review considers the re-alignment of the northern Parish boundary with the London to Bristol railway line.

59 Request from Wantage Town Council to incorporate the proposed developments at Crab Hill and Stockham Farm into the designated Neighbourhood Plan area boundary

Clerk Following a brief discussion the Council agreed it had no objection to Wantage Town Council incorporating the proposed developments at Crab Hill and Stockham Farm into their designated Neighbourhood Plan area boundary, however the Council would like to be kept consulted on the content of their neighbourhood plan.

60 Council's response to the Vale of White Horse District Council's consultation on the proposed changes to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2014/15

Following a discussion it was MOVED Cllr Dexter SECONDED Cllr Evans and RESOLVED unanimously

Clerk "that the Council strongly disagrees with all the questions within the consultation document"

61 Review of the effectiveness of the internal audit 2013/14

Clerk Following a discussion it was generally agreed that the review of the effectiveness of the internal audit be approved and accepted.

62 Council's Airfield planning committee statement

The previously prepared statement was agreed by Council and that the order of priority is as suggested by the Chairman. The Chairman was asked to include a reference to sports provision.

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Clerk Following a brief discussion it was also agreed to bring this matter back to the next Full Council for final confirmation.

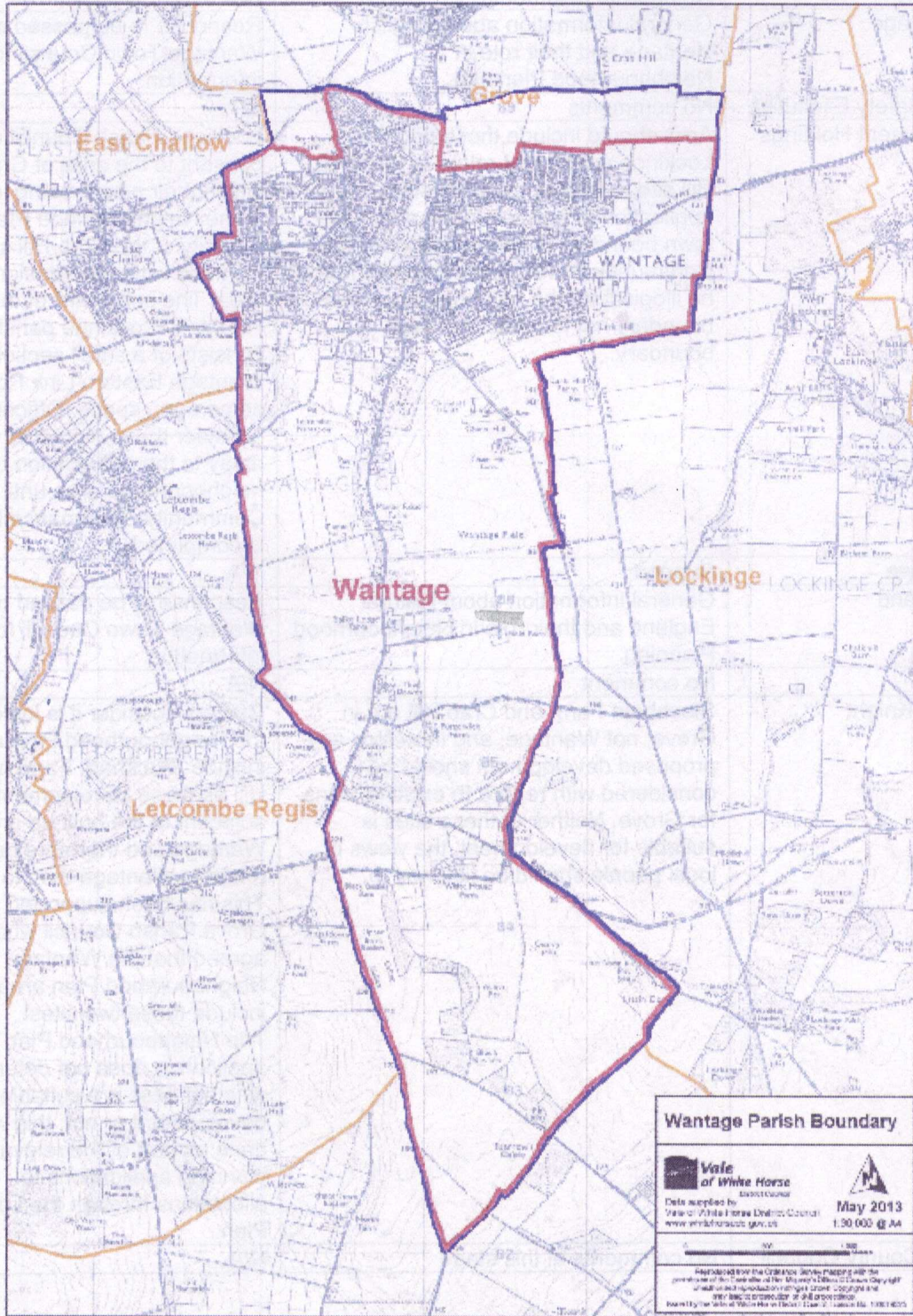
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WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

Designated Area for Neighbourhood Plan
Bounded in Blue -----



August 2013

Appendix 2: Summary of consultation responses

Organisation	Summary of response	Officer response
Coal Authority	No specific comments	N/A
English Heritage	General information about English Heritage and their role in Neighbourhood Planning.	Response to be passed on the Wantage Town Council for information.
Health and Safety Executive	No comments	N/A
Lands Investment Holdings	Area should include those parts of Lockinge parish that relate to the Crab Hill site to ensure the consistent application of policies to the site. If the town boundary is altered following the Community Governance Review it would be illogical for the neighbourhood plan boundary not to reflect the town boundary.	Lockinge Parish Council did not consent to the area of Crab Hill within their parish being included in the Neighbourhood Plan. The majority of the Crab Hill site is included within the designated area. The small part of the Crab Hill site in Lockinge parish largely consists of a small section of the Wantage Eastern Link Road and some open space. Officers do not consider these elements warrant delay to the designation of the neighbourhood area until the Community Governance Review is completed.
Mr. Mark Rowe	Support	N/A
Natural England	General information about Natural England and their role in Neighbourhood Planning.	Response to be passed on the Wantage Town Council for information.
Network Rail	No comment	N/A
Mr. Terence Knight	Stockham Farm and Crab Hill are in Grove, not Wantage, and therefore any proposed development should be considered with regard to existing plans for Grove. Neither of these sites is suitable for development, the views of local people should be listened to.	Officers consider it is logical for the Neighbourhood Plan area to include Stockham Farm and Crab Hill as these developments are adjacent to the built up area of Wantage and therefore better relate to Wantage than to Grove. This has been supported by Grove Parish Council who has agreed that the Wantage Neighbourhood Plan area can include these two sites. The Neighbourhood Plan area application does not determine whether sites are suitable for development or not; this will be done as part of the relevant planning applications to allocations through the Local Plan.
Oxfordshire County Council	No comments at this stage	N/A