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Dear Parish Clerks,

Neighbourhood Plan Areas

I am writing to let you know that, on 9th July, Mid Sussex District Council Cabinet approved the designation of Neighbourhood Plan Areas for the following parishes:

Albourne; Ardingly; Ashurst Wood; Balcombe; Burgess Hill; Cuckfield; East Grinstead; Hassocks; Haywards Heath; Horsted Keynes; Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common; Lindfield & Lindfield Rural; Slaugham; Turners Hill; Twineham; West Hoathly; and Worth.

Details of these designated Plan Areas can be viewed on
www.midsussex.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans

This webpage also includes links to responses made to the publication of these Plan Areas. Your attention is drawn particularly to the two representations from Natural England, which includes information that may help you in preparing your Neighbourhood Plans. We also received a representation from Tandridge District Council asking that it be consulted on any draft Neighbourhood Plans for the East Grinstead Town and Worth Parish areas. Two letters of objection were received from a household in Burgess Hill concerned that the Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan would not cover the Northern Arc or the Kings Way strategic sites.

Congratulations to these parishes for achieving the first formal stage in the Neighbourhood Plan preparation process. Albourne, Hassocks and Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common parishes are reminded that they also need to wait for Plan Area designation by the South Downs National Park Authority before proceeding with any formal consultation on their draft Neighbourhood Plans.

I would be grateful if you could all provide me with an update on your timetable for producing a Neighbourhood Plan. This will help me to start planning for the examination and referendum stages. If you have a dedicated webpage for your Plan please send me a link so I can put it on our webpage.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Tester
Head of Economic Promotion and Planning

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