

## Bramber Neighbourhood Area Decision Notice

This notice concerns the designation of Bramber Neighbourhood Area. The power to designate a neighbourhood area is exercisable under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

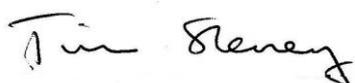
Bramber Parish Council as the 'relevant body' submitted an application for designation of a neighbourhood area to Horsham District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority. The specified area includes the whole of the parish boundary. The submission included a) a map identifying the area, b) a statement explaining why the area is considered an appropriate neighbourhood and c) a statement that the organisation making the application is a relevant body, as required by Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

In determining a neighbourhood area application, the SDNPA must consider the following:

<p><b>How desirable is it to designate the whole of the parish area as a neighbourhood area?</b></p>	<p>The parish is partially within the South Downs National Park (SDNP). The application is to designate that part of the parish area that is in the SDNP as a neighbourhood area. The application to designate Bramber as a Neighbourhood Area makes clear that although the parish comprises 3 areas of differing characteristics (The Street, Maudlyn and Annington) they are all equally important to the overall character of the place and should, therefore, be planned for as a whole. The SDNPA acknowledges this rationale for designating the whole of the parish of Bramber as a Neighbourhood Area and considers this to be appropriate.</p>
<p><b>How desirable is it to maintain the existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas (as areas designated as neighbourhood areas must not overlap)?</b></p>	<p>Bramber Parish was previously part of a cluster Neighbourhood Area covering the parishes of Steyning, Wiston, Ashurst and Bramber (designated by HDC in June 2013 and the SDNPA in September 2014). In 2017, the SWAB cluster formally notified HDC and SDNPA their intention to 'de-cluster' and withdraw from the designated Neighbourhood Area. The Parishes of Steyning, Wiston, Ashurst and Bramber issued a Neighbourhood Plan closing statement setting out their decision to move forward separately as individual parishes as the best way to represent the wishes of their respective communities. HDC and the SDNPA acknowledge this intention to 'de-cluster'. It is therefore not considered beneficial to maintain the existing boundary of the SWAB cluster Neighbourhood Area.</p>
<p><b>Should the area be designated as a business area?</b></p>	<p>The specified area is not wholly or predominantly business in nature and so it is inappropriate to designate it as a business area.</p>

### **Neighbourhood Area application determination under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

I am satisfied that the specified area of Bramber Parish is an appropriate area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area.



Tim Slaney, Director of Planning  
Date: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018