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FAO: Amy Tyler-Jones

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Dear Amy

Designation of Neighbourhood Plan Area for Bury Parish

Bury Parish Council agreed at the Council Meeting on Monday 19th January 2015 to request that the Civil Parish of Bury, which includes the villages of Bury and West Burton, and falls entirely within the South Downs National Park, be designated a Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Please accept this letter as Bury Parish Council's formal application to the SDNPA to designate Bury Civil Parish as our Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Attached is an Ordnance Survey map showing the Parish Boundary.

The Parish Council has made this decision following considerable discussion and exploration of other possible options. Via our Chichester District Councillor, and with the support of the SDNPA, we explored the possibility of a joint Neighbourhood Plan with Parishes to the West of Bury, but those Parishes did not feel it was appropriate for them to join with Bury.

We have also discussed with an independent consultant the possibility of looking at parishes to the South and East of Bury that might share certain similarities, but the advice received was that to try to agree a Neighbourhood Area that straddles two or three District Councils, as this approach would involve, would prove extremely difficult.

The Parish Council has decided on the whole Civil Parish of Bury as there was no good reason to restrict the area to anything that excluded any part of the Parish.

I confirm that Bury Parish Council is the relevant body to request this designation.

The Council is in the process of setting up a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, with agreed terms of reference, and incorporating a cross section of the local community. A draft ToR for this Steering Group is enclosed for your information.

We are aware that Fittleworth Parish Council to our North, and Amberley Parish Council to our East, have also applied for their Civil Parish boundaries to be made Neighbourhood Plan areas.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynnette Leeson".

Lynnette Leeson (Chairman)
Bury Parish Council

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