

## Neighbourhood Area Decision Notice

This notice concerns the designation of Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Area which is partially within the South Downs National Park. The power to designate a neighbourhood area is exercisable under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

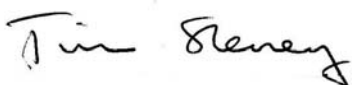
Rowlands Castle Parish Council as the 'relevant body' submitted an application for designation of a neighbourhood area to East Hampshire District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority. The specified area includes the whole of the parish boundary. The submission included a) a map identifying 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:

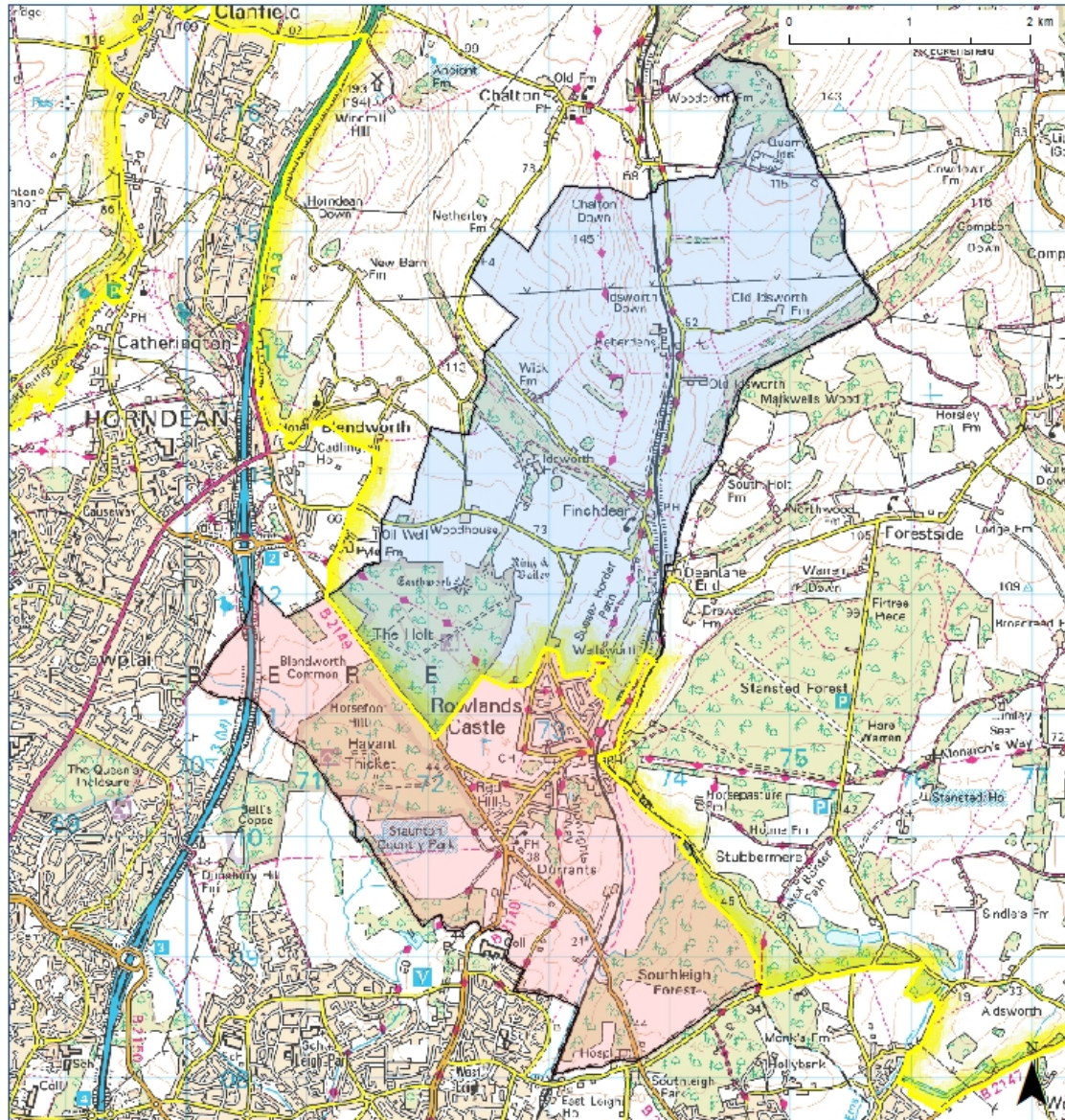
<b>How desirable is it to designate the whole of the parish area as a neighbourhood area?</b>	The parish is partially within the South Downs National Park. The application is to designate that part of parish area that is in the SDNP as a neighbourhood area and is considered appropriate.
<b>How desirable is it to maintain the existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas (as areas designated as neighbourhood areas must not overlap)?</b>	This is the first area designation application made to the SDNPA as local planning authority for this area and so, in determining this application, the desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas does not need to be considered under section 61G(4)(b) of the Act.
<b>Should the area be designated as a business area?</b>	The specified area is not wholly or predominantly business in nature and so it is inappropriate to designate it as a business area.

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

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



Tim Slaney, Director of Planning  
Date: 24 March 2017



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- Designated Neighbourhood Area
- Within the National Park
- Outside the National Park - Not Designated by National Park Authority
- South Downs National Park Boundary

