Application for designation of Ringmer Parish as a neighbourhood area

Lewes District Council and South Downs National Park Authority have received from Ringmer Parish Council under Regulation 5 of the above Regulations to designate the whole parish as a neighbourhood area for preparing a neighbourhood plan.

A copy of the application, including a map of the area\(^1\) can be viewed on Lewes District Council’s website [www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/19084.asp](http://www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/19084.asp), the Council’s offices at Southover House, Lewes and the National Park Authority’s offices at Rosemary’s Parlour, Midhurst during working hours.

Representations on whether Ringmer Parish is an appropriate neighbourhood area may be made to [Lewes District Council](mailto:ldf@lewes.gov.uk) and must be received by Friday, 3 August. Representations may be made by emailing ldf@lewes.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Planning, Lewes District Council, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, BN7 1AB.

Tal Kleiman & Susie Mullins  Andrew Triggs
Neighbourhood Planning Officers  Neighbourhood Planning Officer
Lewes District Council       South Downs National Park Authority

Thursday, 14 June 2012

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\(^1\) Lewes District Council has also produced a map of the area, which is attached to the application.
12 June 2012

Mr L Frost, Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Lewes District Council, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1AB

Mr T Slaney, Director of Planning, South Downs National Park Authority, Hatton House, Bepton Road, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9LU

Dear Sirs,

Application for a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Ringmer Parish under the Localism Act (2011)

Ringmer Parish Council hereby applies to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan under the provisions of the Localism Act (2011).

This Plan will cover the whole of the civil parish of Ringmer, East Sussex, as shown on the attached map.

Ringmer Parish lies partly within the South Downs National Park. About 20% of the land area of the parish, but fewer than 2% of its households, lies within the National Park.

We believe the civil parish to be the appropriate area, as although Ringmer is a large parish containing two settlements and an extensive rural area, it functions as a single community. Ringmer Parish Council is the lower tier local authority for the entire parish and represents the whole parish. As a phase 1 front-runner work has already begun to collect evidence and develop policies for the parish as a whole, and there has been excellent participation in this process by residents from all areas of the parish.

Ringmer Parish Council, constituted under Section 61G(2)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, is considered a relevant body for undertaking a
Neighbourhood Development Plan under the Neighbourhood Planning regulations of the Localism Act.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

Mr. C. Elphick
Clerk to the Council

Cllr. J. E. Kay
Chairman

Cllr. R.C. Booth
Chairman, Planning Committee
The area of the civil parish of Ringmer is outlined in red on the map above.