

# **Hurley and the Walthams Neighbourhood Area Designation Application**

This application for neighbourhood area designation is submitted to the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

It is submitted on behalf of the following parishes:

- Hurley Parish Council
- Shottesbrooke Parish Meeting
- Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council
- White Waltham Parish Council

A signed statement of support from each parish is provided in Appendix A to the application.

## **Definition of the area to which the application relates**

This application relates to the administrative area of the four parishes of:

- Hurley Parish Council
- Shottesbrooke Parish Meeting
- Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council
- White Waltham Parish Council

A map showing the boundary is provided in Appendix B to the application.

## **Justification for why the area is considered appropriate for designation as a neighbourhood area**

The parishes form the Hurley and Walthams Ward and so have common elected representation at Borough Council level. Working together enables resources to be shared.

The area is characterised by a number of villages within a rural setting. Whilst each village has its own characteristics, which play a key part in defining local identity, the area shares similar concerns and interests with regard to being located between Reading and Maidenhead, and the pressures it brings in terms of traffic and demand from commuters, and the wish to maintain local identity within a wider community.

The preparation of a neighbourhood development plan for the proposed area will enable the efficient preparation of planning policy which better addresses the needs and wishes of the local community and provide a degree of local distinctiveness to how planning decisions are considered.

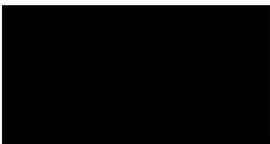
The three parish councils and parish meeting support the preparation of a neighbourhood development plan and are actively working with village associations and other community representatives to achieve this. A steering group to drive the plan process has been established. A number of topic groups have also been established to research local issues and bring forward recommended actions for consultation.

#### The legal entitlement to make this application

Hurley Parish Council, Shottesbrooke Parish Meeting, Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council and White Waltham Parish Council all constitute 'relevant bodies' for the purpose of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The specified area applied for consists of and only includes the administrative area of these relevant bodies.

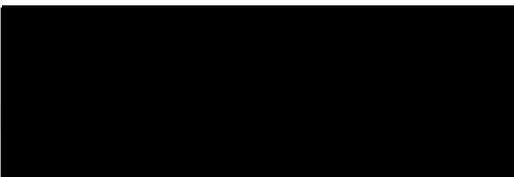
**Appendix A:  
Statement of Support**

We confirm that we support this application for designation of a neighbourhood area.

Signed:  For **Hurley Parish Council**

Name and Position *S N HARRINGTON* *CHAIRMAN*

Date: *23/1/13*

Signed:  **Shottesbrooke Parish Meeting**

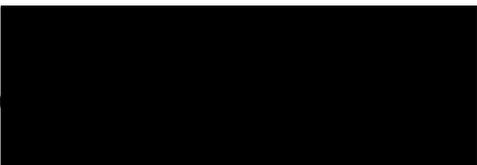
Name and Position *D. WARREN* *Chairman*

Date: *10-12-12*

Signed:  For **Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council**

Name and Position *C. SCOTT-HOPKINS* *CHAIRMAN*

Date: *10-12-12*

Signed:  For **While Waltham Parish Council**

Name and Position *PATRICK S. McDONALD* *CHAIRMAN*

Date: *27/1/12*

