

Great Bealings Parish Council

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Dear Ms Hanslip,

Great Bealings Neighbourhood Plan

The Great Bealings Parish Council has decided to write a Neighbourhood Plan and has set up a Working Group accordingly. We confirm that the Parish Council is the relevant body for the purposes of Section 61 (g) of the 1990 act. We understand that we are required to register this intention with you as our local District Council, so that you can agree the boundary for our plan. We enclose a map showing the boundary of the parish which we consider to be the appropriate boundary for the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Boundary has been chosen as the Plan Boundary since we wish to write policies that are specific to Great Bealings given our designation as an 'Other Village' under Strategic Policy SP 28 of your emerging Local Development Framework ('LDF'). This differentiates us from Little Bealings which will be a Local Service Centre. It is therefore appropriate that, rather than work on a single plan as under the previous joint Parish Plan we now develop our own distinct Neighbourhood Plan. We have however invited Little Bealings to send a representative to our Working Group meetings to ensure we consult with them in the process.

We will be looking to the District Council to support the process in due course by carrying out a conformity assessment to ensure that we write a plan that is in accordance with your emerging LDF and we recognise the requirements that the LDF places upon you. We anticipate that the process will take up to a year, but we need your acceptance of the boundary so that the Working Group which we have set up can start its various actions.

We will be seeking among other things to address:

1. The need for development, if any, specifically including such housing needs as are shown to be relevant following an appropriate survey.
2. How the current Special Landscape Area designation of the Lark Valley might best be preserved based on surveyed evidence carried out by us with the assistance of Suffolk Wildlife Trust.
3. Design issues to be considered in relation to new planning applications.
4. Traffic and other environmental issues.

We have attached for your reference a copy of the Terms of Reference as agreed by the Parish Council under which the Working Group will operate.

Yours sincerely

Eric Barnett, Chairman