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Mrs A Taylor
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Dear Ashley

Neighbourhood Plan Designation.

I am writing on behalf of the Parish Council to request approval for the designation for the parishes of Aldington and Bonnington to be considered as an appropriate area for a Neighbourhood Plan. I attach a map showing the existing boundaries which we consider to be those established for administration and planning purposes.

In accordance with the Regulations for an area application, the Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council confirms that it is a corporate body established by statute (Local Government Act 1894) and therefore it is the relevant body, as defined in Section 61G(2)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, authorised to lead a neighbourhood development plan in the civil parishes of Aldington and Bonnington. The Parish Council represents and is directly accountable to the electors of the civil parishes of Aldington and Bonnington, this has been the case since the merger of the Parish Councils of Aldington and Bonnington in the 1990's and therefore is an appropriate area for designation as a neighbourhood area.

Once approval is granted consideration will be given to developing policies which will fit with the strategic policies of the Ashford Borough Council Local Plan and conform with national planning policy. Research and the opinions of parishioners, business and other relevant groups within the Parishes will be taken into consideration to ensure the historical perspective of the community is not damaged; the environment is safeguarded for future generations; communication networks and vehicle use are at acceptable levels and any future development needs are architecturally sensitive and meet social need.

In conclusion, the Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council requests formal designation of the civil parishes of Aldington and Bonnington as a neighbourhood area.

Yours sincerely

Peter Setterfield

Peter Setterfield PSLCC
Parish Clerk

Aldington and Bonnington Parish Map

