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Dear Mr Grundy

Charing Neighbourhood Plan

Further to the meeting you and your colleagues had with Councillor Hugh Billot on 18th February 2016, I am writing to request approval for the parish of Charing 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 Charing 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 parish of Charing. The Parish Council represents and is directly accountable to the electors of the civil parish of Charing, including Charing Heath, and this has a long established boundary and therefore is an appropriate area for designation as a neighbourhood area.

Once approval is granted we will commence developing general planning policies for the development and use of land which take account of the national planning policy and which will fit with the strategic policies of the Ashford Borough Council Local plan. We are able to build on past work of relevance by undertaking further research and opinion assessment of parishioners, business and other relevant groups within the parish in order 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 Charing Parish Council requests formal designation of the civil parish as a neighbourhood area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dawne Austen', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Dawne Austen

Charing Parish Clerk