

# **ROLVENDEN**

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For the attention of  
Mr Ian Grundy,  
Planning Department  
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Dear Sir

**Re: Rolvenden Neighbourhood Development Plan**

On behalf of Rolvenden Parish Council I am writing to request approval for the parish of Rolvenden to be considered an appropriate area for a Neighbourhood Plan.

Please find enclosed a map showing the existing boundaries which we consider to be those established for administration and planning purposes. ✓

In line with the NPPF Neighbourhood Planning legislation which came into effect on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and the Localism Act 2011, Rolvenden Parish Council will be preparing a draft plan, in consultation with members of the community.

It is being prepared in accordance with the Community Led Planning workshops that produced Rolvenden's Parish Plan along with reference to the recent Historical Survey- a study of early form and settlement in the High Weald, by Dr.Brendan Chester-Kadwell of Oldakre Associates. The draft plan and policies will be subject to further community consultation, the overall aim being to allow communities a chance to plan their local area, and we understand that the resulting final draft, having been submitted to Ashford Borough Council, will be the subject of a local referendum.

Leaflets and "Rolvenden Update" e-mails will be distributed to all relevant households at the start of the consultation period explaining the process and posters will be placed on local notice boards advertising the consultation. Members of the public will be invited to parish council and Neighbourhood Development Planning meetings to discuss various key issues in due course and ward members and adjoining ward members will be notified of the consultation via e-mail.

We understand that the consultation period is for a minimum of six weeks, during which time representations regarding the application may be made to Ashford Borough Council Planning Department(address and e-mail to be supplied)

Please confirm the dates of the start of the consultation period, when comments must be received by and when and where you will publish the decision on the application.

Please, also let us know if there is any further information that is required at this point.

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Cc Mr Simon Cole