

Cllr Craig Manuel
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Council
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Fareham
PO17 5GR

Your Ref:
Our ref: AF/NP
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12 March 2025

Dear Cllr Manuel,

Request to Winchester City Council to designate Wickham and Knowle Parish as a Neighbourhood Area

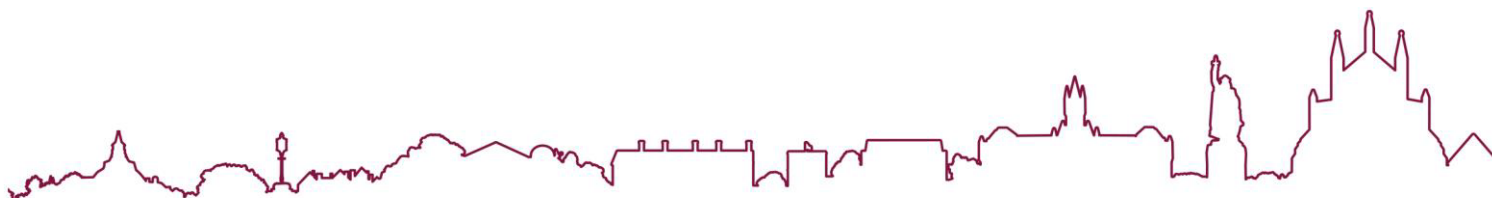
I am contacting you following my letter dated 26th February 2025 regarding the designation by Winchester City Council of Wickham and Knowle as a Neighbourhood Area.

Designating a Neighbourhood Area

It has now been brought to our attention by Officers at the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) that your Parish includes part of the South Downs National Park. As we presume that you would wish the whole of your Parish to be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan, then in a similar way that you previously contacted Winchester City Council, could you also please formally approach the SDNPA to request the designation of the area of the Parish in the National Park to be confirmed as being within the Neighbourhood Area. For ease, I have included a map with this letter that shows the boundary of the SDNP.

As the majority of the Parish population is within the Winchester City Council administration area, we would still be the lead local planning authority in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, but both Local Planning Authorities will have to formally "make" the Neighbourhood Plan at their respective committees.

As the Neighbourhood Planning process will come under close scrutiny, it is extremely important that the correct procedures are followed. Please I would be grateful if you could please ask the parish council to address their letter to Claire Tester and submit their neighbourhood area application to neighbourhood@southdowns.gov.uk. Please do refer to the SDNPA webpage which sets out what they expect any neighbourhood area application to include:



<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-development-plans/neighbourhood-areas-how-to-apply/>

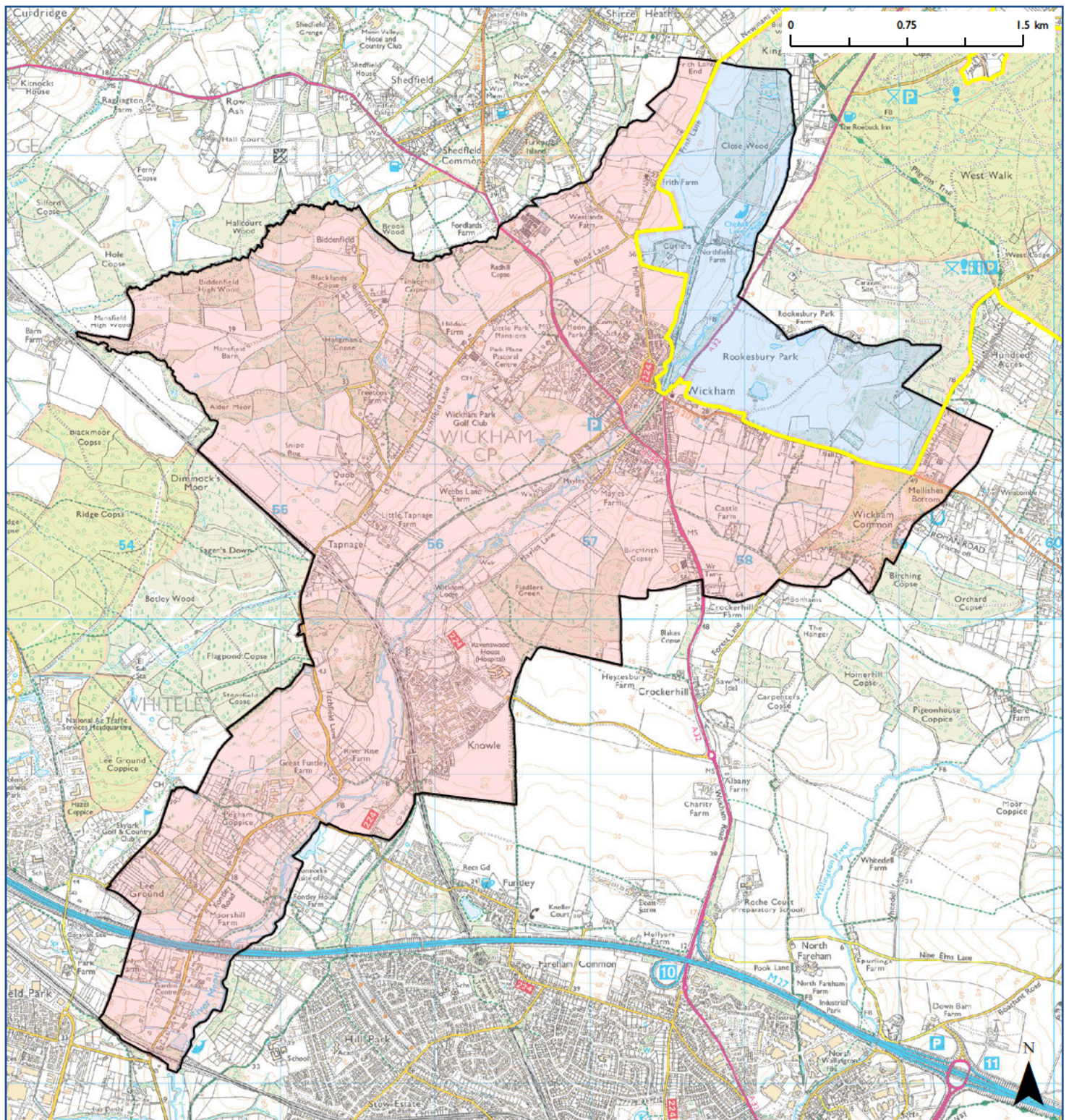
I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,







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Cllr Chris Chamberlain
Cllr Angela Clear
Claire Tester, Planning Policy Manager SDNPA



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Scale at A4 1:35,400

-  Proposed Neighbourhood Area
-  Within the National Park
-  Outside the National Park
-  South Downs National Park Boundary