

Claire Tester
Planning Policy
South Downs National Park

1st May 2025

Dear Claire

Application to Designate a Neighbourhood Area in accordance with Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

In accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Wickham and Knowle Parish Council wishes to formally notify South Downs National Park of its intention to prepare a neighbourhood plan.

Neighbourhood Planning Area

The designated area for the neighbourhood plan is to be the entire civil parish of Wickham and Knowle as shown in the supporting map (attached).

Why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area

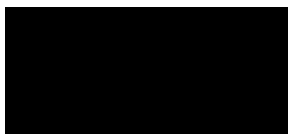
The Parish Council considers that the designated area should include all the land within the Parish boundary. Land within the boundary covers a wide range of uses, including agricultural, residential, industrial, commercial, and recreational. The Council believes that all landowners, occupiers and users should be consulted so that their interests are represented in order to shape the future of the Parish area as a whole.

The application

Wickham and Knowle Parish Council submit this application as a relevant body in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G.

The application is submitted following consultation with parish residents between 1st September 2024 and 14th October 2024. With 98% of respondents supporting the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. A project team consisting of residents, Councillors and admin support has been put together, and final approval of the Parish Council to proceed resolved at Full Council on 30th January 2025.

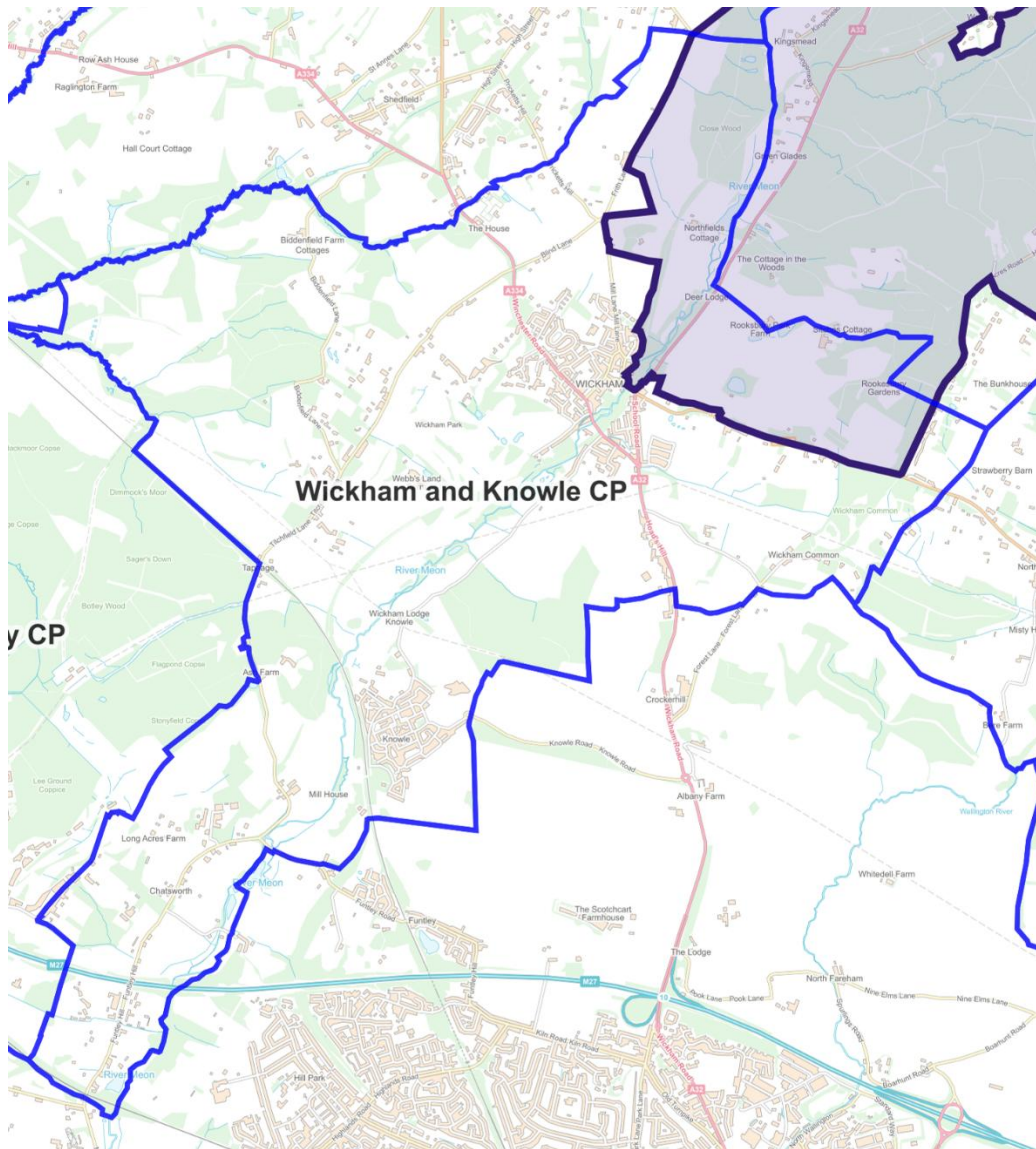
Yours sincerely



Councillor Craig Manuel

Chair

Wickham and Knowle Parish Council



Wickham and Knowle Civil Parish, including the South Downs National Park (shaded)