Wickham & Knowle Neighbourhood Area Decision Notice

This notice concerns the designation of the Wickham & Knowle Neighbourhood Area. The power to designate a neighbourhood area is exercisable under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Wickham & Knowle Parish Council as the 'relevant body' submitted an application for designation of a neighbourhood area to Winchester City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). The specified area includes the whole of the parish boundary. The submission included:

- a) a map identifying the area,
- b) a statement explaining why the area is considered an appropriate neighbourhood and
- c) a statement that the organisation making the application is a relevant body, as required by Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

In determining a neighbourhood area application, the SDNPA must consider the following:

How desirable is it to designate the whole of the parish area as a neighbourhood area?	The parish is partially within the South Downs National Park (SDNP). The application is to designate that part of the parish area that is in the SDNP as a neighbourhood area and this is considered appropriate.
How desirable is it to maintain the existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas (as areas designated as neighbourhood areas must not overlap)?	This is the first area designation application made to the SDNPA as local planning authority for that part of the parish within the SDNP. Therefore, in determining this application, the desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas does not need to be considered under section 61G(4)(b) of the Act.
Should the area be designated as a business area?	The specified area is not wholly or predominantly business in nature and so it is inappropriate to designate it as a business area.

Neighbourhood Area application determination under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

I am satisfied that the specified area of Wickham & Knowle Parish is an appropriate area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area.



Tim Slaney

Director of Planning, South Downs National Park Authority

Date: 25 June 2025

