

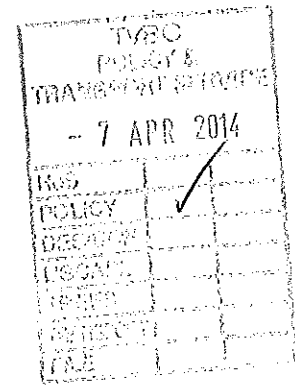
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Dear Mr. Lees

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA FOR ROMSEY

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires Town or Parish Councils who intend to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan to submit an application for designation of a neighbourhood area.

a) **The map attached** identifies the area to which this application relates. It covers the whole of both the parishes of Romsey Town and Romsey Extra.

b) **A statement explaining why the intended neighbourhood area is considered appropriate**

The boundary of the proposed Romsey Neighbourhood Area coincides with the outside civil parish boundary of Romsey Extra and therefore represents the full extent of both Council's administrative areas of responsibility in terms of the statutory obligations and discretionary powers to provided services to the people of Romsey Town and Romsey Extra.

A Joint Development Plan will enable the whole of the Romsey Community to identify and allocate sites for residential development both in and in the immediate surrounds of the town of Romsey.

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The designation of the whole area of Romsey Town and Romsey Extra will ensure that the combined Romsey community has a unique opportunity to fully shape their respective parish areas, enabling the two councils to make full use of the skills from the respective community representatives to maximise local involvement.

c) A statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act

In making this area application Romsey Town Council is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act, and has secured the written consent of Romsey Extra Parish Council for the Romsey Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to act on its behalf and for Romsey Town Council to be the main point of contact for all Romsey Neighbourhood Plan activity.

Mrs Judith Giles
Town Clerk
Romsey Town Council