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Dear Mr Baker

## **Re: SANDHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA**

I am writing to advise you that following its meeting [Strategy & Policy Committee, 24 September 2015] Sandhurst Town Council wishes to apply for the designation of the Parish of Sandhurst as a Neighbourhood Area under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Sandhurst Town Council qualifies as a relevant body within the meaning of section 61 G of the 1990 Act which states that such bodies include the town or parish council for an area for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood plan.

Sandhurst Town Council requests that Bracknell Forest Council designate the area to be included in our neighbourhood plan as coterminous with its parish boundary. I have attached a map identifying the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area, namely the Parish of Sandhurst.

Designating the whole parish as a Neighbourhood Area is considered appropriate as the eastern, southern and western boundaries of the area are constrained by the Bracknell Forest Council borough boundary. The northern boundary follows the Sandhurst Parish alignment excluding the Wellington element of Little Sandhurst as this falls within Crowthorne Parish and would not be appropriate to include. As well as the town of Sandhurst, the area includes the communities of Little Sandhurst, Owlsmoor and College Town each with its own identity plus the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst with a population approaching 22,000.

The built environment is primarily residential within a mix of uses including retail, small businesses and educational facilities. Sandhurst is separated from surrounding urban areas by the natural environment comprising the Blackwater River to the south and extensive green space to the north and east that includes a number of Sites of Special Scientific Interest and land falling within the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area. The MoD and Crown Estate are both landowners within the proposed area.



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The community wishes to influence future development within the proposed area to ensure it is appropriately integrated with and complementary to existing infrastructure and the natural environment.

A Steering Group, which includes representatives of both Sandhurst Town Council and the community, has been formed and have met to discuss the process of creating the neighbourhood plan. Sandhurst Town Council will continue to work with neighbouring Parish, Town and Borough Councils as appropriate. I understand you will be undertaking a public consultation as part of this process and look forward to receiving details in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Lewis  
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