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14 January 2019

Dear Mrs Harding

### **CHESIL BANK NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA DESIGNATION**

Thank you for the submission of your neighbourhood plan area application.

Under the officer scheme of delegation, the Corporate Manager (Community & Policy Development) has the power to designate a neighbourhood plan area where “the Council must exercise its powers to designate the specified area applied for as a neighbourhood plan area”. This is reference to Regulation 5A which allows neighbourhood area applications to be approved where the application is from a parish council, the area specified in the application consists of the whole of the parish council’s area and none of the proposed neighbourhood area extends beyond the parish council’s area.

The submitted application meets all three criteria and on this basis the Council has designated on 10 January 2019 the neighbourhood plan area as submitted. Details can be found on our website at: [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plans-in-preparation](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plans-in-preparation), alternatively the information is available at the council offices in Dorchester.

To help raise awareness of the designation, we would ask you to publicise details of the neighbourhood plan area designation for example on any parish notice board, parish website / magazine and at local community venues (such as post office / shop / village hall). The aim of this publicity is to bring the designation to the attention of anyone who lives, works or carries out business in the area.

### **Strategic Environmental Assessment**

The need to consider Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for your Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory requirement within the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Neighbourhood planning groups must submit either an environmental report (should an SEA be required) or a statement of reasons why an environmental assessment is not required.

An independent examiner will explore whether or not you have satisfied these legal requirements during the examination of your neighbourhood plan, and so it’s essential that the need for SEA is considered at the earliest possible opportunity.

Should you need advice or assistance on this matter our Environmental Assessment Officer, Oliver Rendle, can offer support in meeting the SEA obligations for your Neighbourhood Plan. Please don't therefore hesitate to get in contact with him at [orendle@dorset.gov.uk](mailto:orendle@dorset.gov.uk) if you require help with your SEA.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Jordan', written in a cursive style.

Hilary Jordan  
Corporate Manager - Planning (Community and Policy Development)