## MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## RECORD OF DECISION OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

## Decision made: 19 April 2018

## Yalding Neighbourhood Area Application

## Issue for Decision

To consider the designation of Yalding parish as a neighbourhood area for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan.

## Decision Made

The neighbourhood area application submitted by Yalding Parish Council to Maidstone Borough Council on 19 April 2018 is approved.

## Reasons for Decision

## Considerations

1. Is Yalding Parish Council a 'relevant body' as defined in section $61 \mathrm{G}(2)$ of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by paragraph 2 of Schedule 9 to the Localism Act 2011)?

YES - Yalding Parish Council is defined as a relevant body and is authorised to act in relation to the designation of a neighbourhood area.
2. Does the proposed neighbourhood area follow existing, established administrative or planning boundaries?

YES - the proposed plan area follows the existing parish boundary (plan attached).
3. Does the proposed neighbourhood area exclude areas which would be more appropriate to include?

NO - the proposed plan area follows the existing parish boundary (plan attached).
4. Does the proposed neighbourhood area overlap with another approved neighbourhood area (this is not permitted)?

NO.

## Alternatives considered and why rejected

The decision to approve the Yalding neighbourhood area has been made for the reasons stated above. The alternative is to reject the application, but the Council is satisfied that due
process has been followed in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General)
Regulations 2012 (as amended). The Yalding neighbourhood area application meets the criteria for the designation of a neighbourhood area.

## Background Papers

None

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