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Dear Claire

Application for designation of Neighbourhood Plan area, East Grinstead

I am writing to advise Mid Sussex District Council that at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 23rd June 2011, East Grinstead Town Council resolved to commence work on a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of East Grinstead (Minute 74 refers) and this was ratified in the Council Meeting of 3rd July (Minute 30 refers).

The proposed application area of the Neighbourhood Plan includes the whole parish, amounting to 24.43 sq km and follows the parish boundary, as shown on the attached map.

It is considered appropriate to include the whole parish within the Neighbourhood Plan boundary for the following reasons:

- The parish has a mix of urban and rural areas including settlement within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the whole parish is within the Ashdown Forest zone of influence.
- The development of East Grinstead will affect not just the town nor pockets of the parish. It is a significant town in Mid Sussex, the largest settlement in the Northern part of the District and development therefore will affect neighbouring parishes.
- The Town with the variances across the Parish needs a coherent plan addressing all of the issues that will allow the town to grow.

In accordance with Section 61G (1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, it is confirmed that East Grinstead Town Council is a 'relevant body' and it therefore makes this application to the local planning authority (Mid Sussex District Council) for the area to be designated by Mid Sussex District Council as a neighbourhood area for the purpose of the preparation of the East Grinstead Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely

Julie Holden
Town Clerk