

# Hedgerley Parish Council

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Mr. Peter Beckford  
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Dear Mr. Beckford,

## **Application for Declaration of a Neighbourhood Area**

Hedgerley Parish Council wishes to apply for the designation of the Civil Parish of Hedgerley as a Neighbourhood Area with the intention to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Hedgerley.

Hedgerley Parish Council is an appropriate body for the purpose of Neighbourhood Planning.

We propose to designate the whole of the Civil Parish of Hedgerley as a Neighbourhood Area, as shown on the attached map.

## **Supporting Statement**

Hedgerley Parish Council is committed to creating a shared vision for the future of Hedgerley, encompassing the views and needs of the community, landowners and businesses alike. The Council therefore wishes to develop a Neighbourhood Plan to achieve this aim.

The Council resolved to declare the Civil Parish of Hedgerley as a Neighbourhood Area at its meeting on 14 November 2016.

Hedgerley falls within the Metropolitan Green Belt. It is made up of roughly 50% arable/pasture land; 40% woodland; and 10% built environment. Hedgerley has two separate conservation areas and an RSPB nature reserve. It has won the Buckinghamshire

Best Kept Village competition on numerous occasions. In essence, Hedgerley is a rural community in the heart of South Bucks.

The Beaconsfield M40 Motorway Service Area is located at the northwest corner of the parish. A sizeable area of land within Hedgerley is owned and managed as a commercial farming operation by the Portman Estate.

Hedgerley Parish Council owns and manages the Glebe Field, Kemsley Wood and part of Kiln Wood. It also indirectly leases the Church Meadows which it manages as a conservation project, jointly with Burnham Beeches. Council policy is to preserve and promote these areas as habitat conservation areas. The Council also owns the The Green which is used as a playing field and encompasses a children's play area.

Most planning applications in the parish are for extension or conversion of existing property. There are some notable community assets in the parish: most central to village life are the shops, the White Horse public house and the facilities made available at the Youth Club Hut and Memorial Hall. In addition to these, there are several remarkable buildings in the parish that stand out as significant: Court Farm, The Quaker House, the aforementioned White Horse pub.

The Council has already listed the shops as an Assets of Community Value. The Neighbourhood Plan would review other assets for potential ACV listing.

A 'task-and-finish' group is being formed to carry out the work required to produce the Neighbourhood Plan.

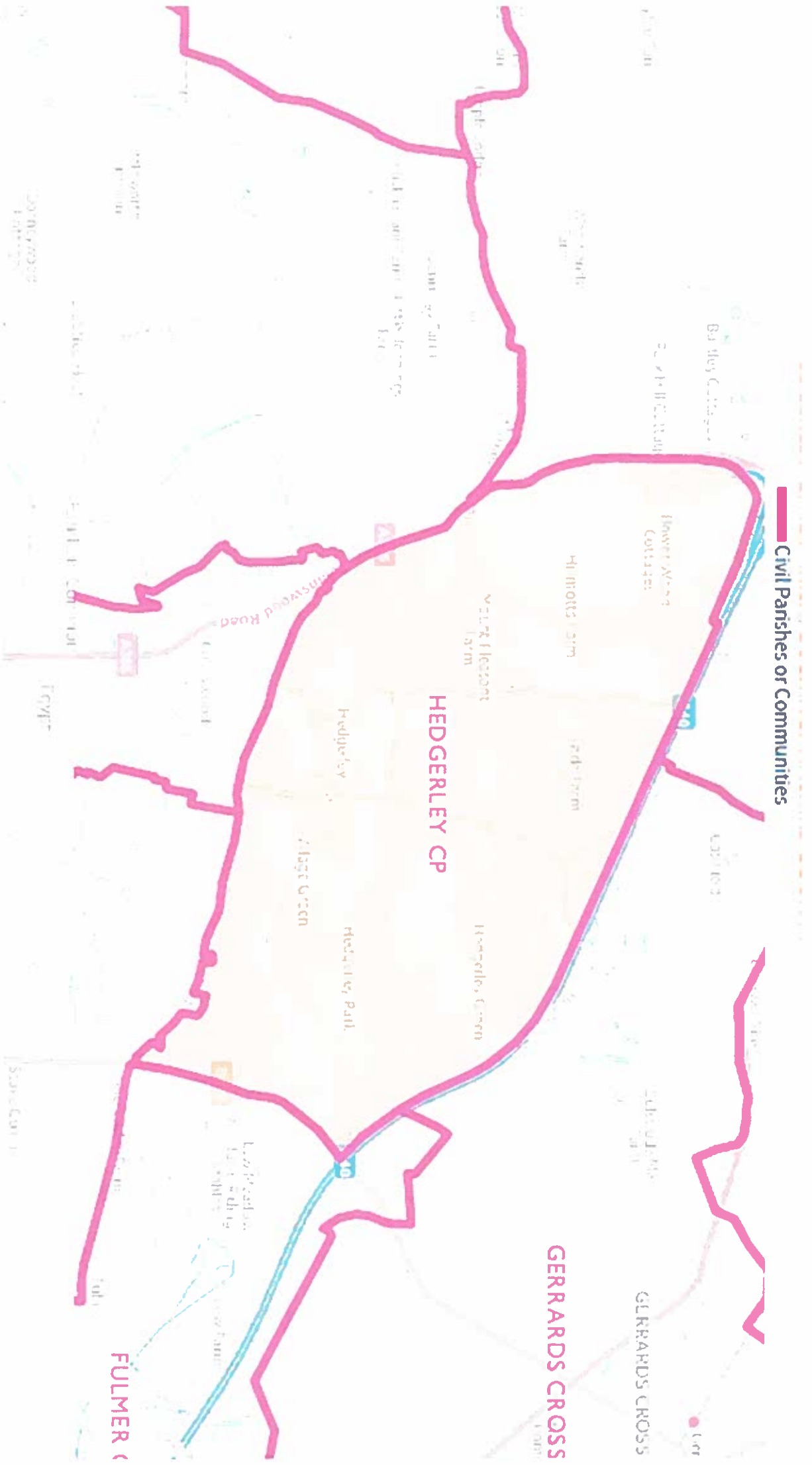
We understand that under the new regulations, there is no longer a requirement to publicise nor consult on this application – please confirm if this is correct.

Yours sincerely,



Penny Harris

Clerk to the Council



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