

NOTICE OF DELEGATION OF DECISION TO CABINET MEMBER BY STRONG LEADER

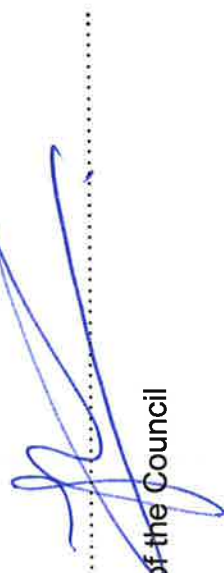
Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

I, J-P Campion, as Strong Leader, delegate the decisions Churchill and Blakedown Neighbourhood Area Designation detailed in the Forward Plan to the Cabinet Member/Officer detailed below:

Cabinet Member/Officer: Councillor Anne Hingley

Dated: 13/03/2013

Signed:



Leader of the Council

NOTICE OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER

Pursuant Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by section 63 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

In accordance with the authority delegated to me by the Leader, I have made the following decision:

Subject	Decision	Reason for decision	Date for Decision to be taken
Churchill and Blakedown Neighbourhood Area Designation	To approve the designation of the Parish of Churchill and Blakedown as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.	To enable Churchill and Blakedown to progress a Neighbourhood Plan under the provisions of the Localism Act 2001 and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Neighbourhood Planning) Regulations 2012.	13 th March 2013.

I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.

Dated:

Signed:


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Councillor:

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Cabinet Member

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

12th March 2013

Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council
Neighbourhood Area Designation

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RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director of Planning and Regulatory Services
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APPENDICES:	Appendix 1 – Map of proposed Churchill and Blakedown Neighbourhood Area

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek endorsement for the designation of Churchill and Blakedown Parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Development Planning.

2. RECOMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Committee is asked to endorse the designation of the Parish of Churchill and Blakedown, as shown on the map at Appendix 1 to this report, as a Neighbourhood Area under Part 2 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Localism Act 2011 gave local communities more power to plan for the future of their areas by introducing Neighbourhood Development Plans and Neighbourhood Development Orders. Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council wish to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 3.2 The first formal step in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan is the designation of a Neighbourhood Area. On 6th April 'The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012' came into force. The Regulations set out the minimum legal requirements to be met when preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan and set out the procedure for designating a Neighbourhood Area.
- 3.3 Regulation 5 requires the Parish Council to apply to the District Council to designate the area that they wish the plan to cover as a Neighbourhood Area. Such an application was received by the District Council on 14th December 2012. Regulation 6 requires the District Council to publish the application on its web-site as a minimum to

provide the opportunity for representations to be made in support of the designation or otherwise. The District and Parish Council provided information on the application on their websites for a period of six weeks between Thursday 3rd January and Thursday 14th February 2013. Additionally, the proposed designation was advertised on notice boards within the Parish and a press release was prepared by the District Council.

- 3.4 No representations have been received in response to consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Area designation. Additionally, there is an assumption that where a Parish Council chooses to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan, this will cover the entire Parish unless there are specific reasons for concentrating on a smaller area. Therefore, it is recommended that this committee endorse the designation of the Parish of Churchill and Blakedown as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Development Planning.
- 3.5 If the District Council agree, the designation of the Neighbourhood Area, it will be published on the District Council's website. The next step for the Parish Council would be to begin the preparation of their Neighbourhood Development Plan for submission to the District Council, after following the procedures laid down in the 2012 Regulations. Following submission to the District Council, the Neighbourhood Development Plan would then need to be published for a six week period before going through an Examination and then a local referendum where a minimum of 50% of those voting must be in favour of its adoption.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of preparing the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be met by the Parish Council. The District Council will be required to meet the costs of the examination and referendum and this will be met from the existing Planning Policy budgets and additional grant funding available from central government for this purpose.

5. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan, once prepared, be approved by the community at a referendum, the District Council will be required to make the plan and it will become part of the Development Plan for the purposes of determining planning applications.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council have applied to the District Council to designate the Parish area as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Development Planning. A consultation has been held and no representations have been received. Therefore,

it is recommended that the area be designated. This will enable the Parish Council to begin the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 There are no risk management issues.

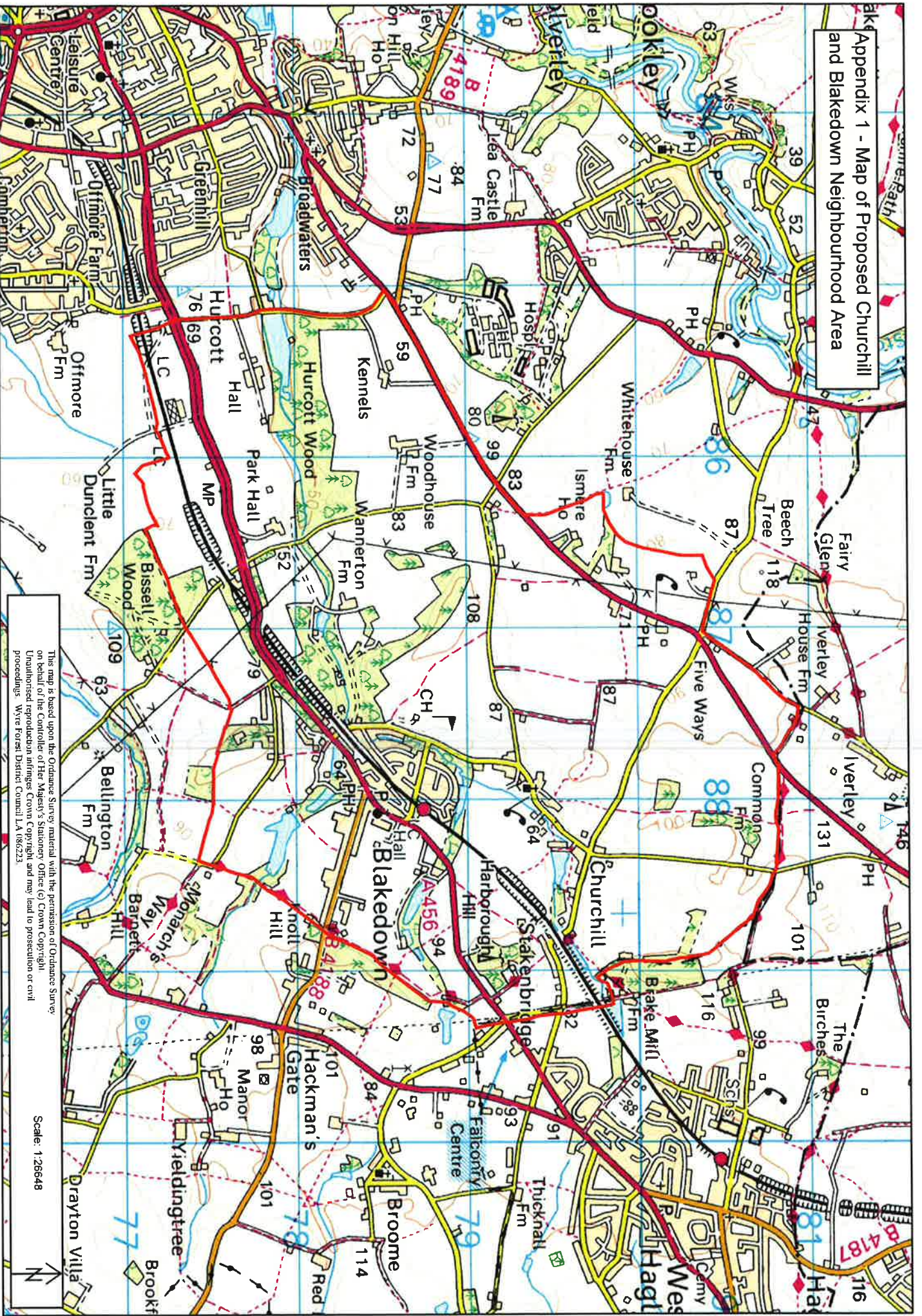
8. CONSULTEES

8.1 Director of Community Assets and Localism

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None

Appendix 1 - Map of Proposed Churchill and Blakedown Neighbourhood Area



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