

## **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **RECORD OF DECISION OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING**

Decision Made: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012

#### **Neighbourhood Plan Area Application**

##### **Issue for Decision**

To consider Broomfield and Kingswood parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.

##### **Decision Made**

The neighbourhood area submitted by Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council to Maidstone Borough Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 is **approved**.

##### **Reasons for Decision**

###### Consultation

Consultation commenced on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and ended at 5pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The consultation was advertised as follows:

1. Letter distributed to all households in the parish at start of consultation
2. Neighbourhood Plan Area application (including a map) posted on Maidstone Borough Council's website and on B&K parish council website
3. Poster advertising the consultation on notice boards in the parish
4. Ward members and adjoining ward members were made aware of the consultation via email

###### Representations Received During Consultation

None

###### Considerations

1. Does the proposed plan area follow existing, established administrative or planning boundaries?

YES – the proposed plan area follows the existing parish boundary

2. Does it exclude areas which in planning terms it would be more appropriate to include (for example where planning designation or development location straddles a parish boundary)

NO

3. Does it overlap with another approved neighbourhood area (this is not permitted)

NO

#### Conclusion

Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council will be preparing the neighbourhood plan and are considered a relevant body<sup>1</sup> under the Localism Act 2011. The Parish Council states that the parish is appropriate as a Neighbourhood Plan Area because the demographic of the parish has changed over the years and local policies are required to ensure sustainable development between now and 2026. No representations were received during consultation and the proposed plan area meets the criteria set out above. The plan area (see map below) is considered acceptable in planning terms and the parish council has followed due process in line with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, Part 2, S. 5(1).

#### **Alternatives considered and why rejected**

The decision to approve the neighbourhood plan 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 and no representations were made during the consultation to suggest the geographic area of the parish should not form the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

#### **Background Papers**

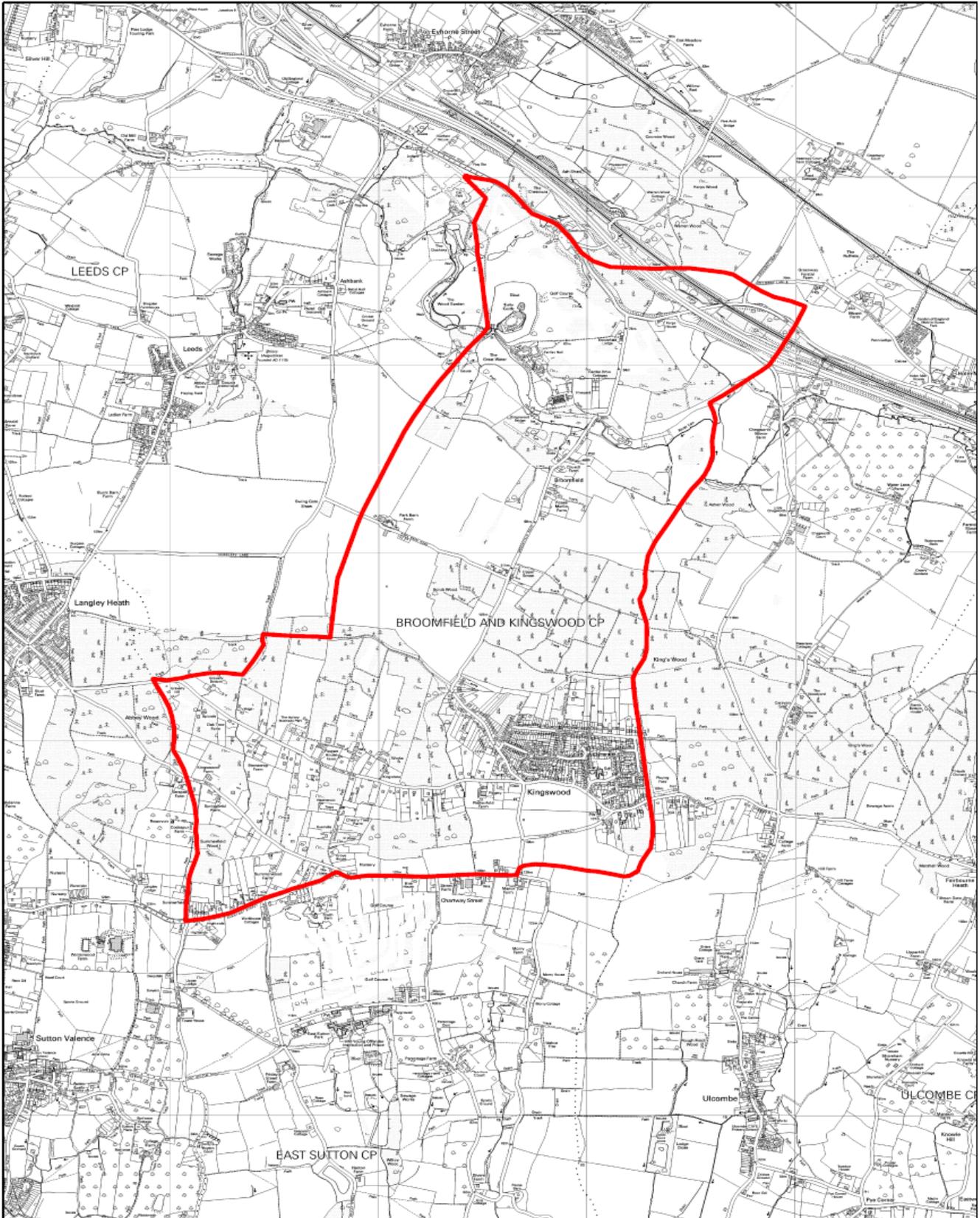
None



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<sup>1</sup> For the definition of “relevant body” see section 61G (2) of the 1990 Act (inserted by paragraph 2 of Schedule 9 to the Localism Act 2011 (c.20)).



**BROOMFIELD AND  
KINGSWOOD PARISH**



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