



## BRADING TOWN COUNCIL

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To: Bill Murphy  
Head of Planning & Regulatory Services  
Isle of Wight Council, Council Offices,  
Seaclose, Fairlee Road,  
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PO30 2QS

25<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Mr Murphy,

### **PROPOSAL FOR DESIGNATING A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA**

Brading Town Council is formally requesting the Isle of Wight Council consider this application for their proposal for a designated neighbourhood area, in respect of the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Brading.

A plan is attached with the proposed designated area boundary marked in red.

Brading Town Council proposes that the area, shown on the attached plan, should be the designated for the following reasons:

- The neighbourhood area falls within the established Parish Boundary for Brading with no proposed changes. Therefore, it does not encroach or impinge on surrounding parishes who may wish to develop their own Neighbourhood Plan.
- It is important to include the whole of the designated parish area, including the outlying rural dwellings, to ensure that whilst developing and implementing a community led neighbourhood plan, we continue to nurture and promote the strong sense of community that is already an established feature of Brading.
- The proposed area includes the rural hinterland surrounding Brading Town. This is Brading's natural environment and includes a wealth of archaeological sites, the downland, quarries and countryside walks and bridleways. It is a unique and invaluable feature of Brading and its sustainability, long term protection and preservation are crucial if we are to ensure that it remains in perpetuity for the enjoyment of current and future residents of Brading and the Island.

- Brading is fortunate in that the rural hinterland provides a clearly and naturally defined green envelop that will help to influence key development elements of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Brading Town Council consider that it meets the criteria for a qualifying body, for the purposes of section 61g of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act, as it is a local authority which is bound by statute and therefore fully accountable to the community.

Please let me know if you have any queries or need anything further in order to expedite this application.

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk