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Dear Katie

Blackwater and Hawley Town Council resolved at our Full Council meeting on 25th July 2016 to apply to Hart District Council to designate the whole of our parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. I have attached a copy of the boundary map of the parish. We understand that as a Parish Council we are the 'relevant body' for the purposes of submitting this application.

The issue of whether to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed at our Annual Parish Meeting in March 2016. Daryl Phillips addressed the meeting on the subject and, at the end of the meeting, nine residents volunteered to explore the subject further. Since then town councillors have met with those and other volunteers and the Council decision on 25th July has emerged from those discussions.

The intention is that the Blackwater and Hawley Neighbourhood Plan boundary will encompass the whole of the parish. It is felt that this provides a suitable boundary for the Neighbourhood Plan because Blackwater and Hawley parish is a mixture of urban and rural areas with a rich history and heritage, but an area which faces many modern challenges and opportunities. It is therefore important that all parts of the parish are included so that policies can be developed as appropriate for each area.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Adrian Collett
Chair Blackwater and Hawley Town Council

