Hello

Further to Rotherfield Greys Neighbourhood Plan Application, below is the updated Supporting Statement to add:

Rotherfield Greys Parish Council considers that the whole of the civil parish, is the appropriate area for designation as the Rotherfield Greys Neighbourhood Area. The parish comprises several distinct but connected rural settlements and communities, including Rotherfield Greys, Greys Green and Shepherds Green, together with surrounding farmland, woodland and historic estates. These share an established administrative identity through the Parish Council and a common rural and historic landscape, making the parish a coherent geographical area for neighbourhood planning.

Designation of the whole parish will allow its varied but interrelated characteristics and needs to be considered within a single planning framework. Of particular importance is the parish's relationship with Henley-on-Thames, where the interface between the town and its rural hinterland presents distinct planning considerations. The existing civil parish boundary provides a clear and readily understood basis for considering future development across the parish, while allowing appropriate cooperation with Henley Town Council, neighbouring parishes and South Oxfordshire District Council on cross-boundary matters.

In preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Parish Council wishes to give the community an opportunity to consider how the parish should evolve, balancing the protection and enhancement of its distinctive landscape, heritage and rural character with appropriate future development and the needs of residents, businesses and the wider community. The scope and priorities of the Plan will be informed by evidence gathering and community consultation, rather than predetermined at this stage.

We look forward to hearing from you with next steps.

Regards
Annette Young
Parish Clerk, Rotherfield Greys Parish Council
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Please also note this is the new contact address for the Clerk and should be used for future correspondence.