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16 November 2026

Dear Annette,

Decision regarding the designation of Rotherfield Greys as a Neighbourhood Area.

This letter confirms that on 12 November 2026, the Director of Policy and Programmes at South Oxfordshire District Council, designated the area shown on Map 1 below as the 'Rotherfield Greys Neighbourhood Area'.

This designation has been made for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan by Rotherfield Greys Parish Council under section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended. It was decided not to designate the area as a business area under section 61H(1) of the Act as it is not primarily or wholly business in nature.

The following area designation information is published on the council's website:

a) Name of neighbourhood area: Rotherfield Greys Neighbourhood Area
b) Map of neighbourhood area included below
c) Relevant body: Rotherfield Greys Parish Council
d) The area designation application as submitted is available in Appendix 1

Yours sincerely,

Atief Ishaq
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Appendix 1: Rotherfield Greys Area Application

Neighbourhood Planning Area Designation Application Form

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Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Vale of White Horse District Council

1. Single point of contact regarding the Neighbourhood Plan

Title: Ms | First Name: Annette | Surname: Young

Address: [redacted]

Postcode: [redacted] | Telephone: [redacted]

Email: clerk@rotherfieldgreysparishcouncil.gov.uk

2. Parish clerk details (if different from those above)

Title: | First Name: | Surname:

Address:

Postcode: | Telephone:

Email:

3. Relevant Body

Please confirm that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations.

Yes X | No

Name of Relevant Body: Rotherfield Greys Parish Council

Note: in areas covered by a town or parish council, the town or parish council is the relevant body. For applications covering more than one parish area, please nominate a lead parish to act as the Relevant Body. If your area is not covered by a parish council (only a parish meeting), please contact the Planning Policy Team before making your application.

4. Extent of area

Please attach an OS plan showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and indicate below the relationship of the proposed area to parish boundaries. For further information about obtaining OS maps please see note 1.

Proposed area covers the whole of a single parish boundary area: X

Proposed area covers part of a single parish boundary area:

Proposed area covers multiple parish boundary areas:

5. Applications covering more than one parish area:

If your application area covers more than one parish area, please list the parishes covered by the area application, the extent of the parish included and obtain consent from the parish by getting them to sign below:

Name Town/Parish Council	Extent of parish included in Neighborhood Area	Name and Position	Authorising Signature

By signing this form your Parish Council is agreeing to the inclusion of part or the whole of your parish into the Neighbourhood Area named below and shown on the attached OS map.

6. Name of Neighbourhood Area

Please give the name by which your Neighbourhood Area will be formally known

Rotherfield Greys

7. Intention of neighbourhood area:

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area:

Neighbourhood Development Plan:	X
Neighbourhood Development Order:	
Community Right to Build Order:	

8. Reasons for considering the area appropriate

Please briefly describe below why you consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area:

The parish is administered by the Parish Council.
Any extended area requires agreement to be reached with neighbouring parish councils

9. Previous applications

Has this relevant body previously submitted an application to designate a neighbourhood area, which has not yet been determined?

Yes [ ] No [X]

10. Withdrawal of previous application

If you answered 'yes' to question 9 above, please sign below to withdraw your previous application

I/we hereby wish to withdraw any previous application/s to designate a neighbourhood area made by this relevant body

Name: Date:

Signature:

11. Declaration

I/we hereby apply to designate a Neighbourhood Area as described on this form and the accompanying plan.

Name: Annette Young, Clerk Rotherfield Greys Parish Council Date: 08 October 2026

Signature: [redacted]

Please return the form to:

Vale of White Horse District Council
Abbey House, Abbey Close
Abingdon, OX14 3JE
planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk

or

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Publications of applications to the Council's website.
Please note, as required under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a copy of this form and accompanying information will be published on the Council's website. However, all personal information, with the exception of the name and address of the main contacts, will be redacted from the website. The complete form will be available to view in the council offices. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Planning Policy Team.

Appendix 1 (cont)
Area designation application supporting statement

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.

Map 1 Designated Rotherfield Greys Neighbourhood Area

