

## **Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Area Application**

### **The application**

Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council submitted an application for a Neighbourhood Area in summer 2015, covering the entirety of the parish council area. This application was subject to a consultation under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning (Amendment) Regulations, which ran between 24 August 2015 and 2 October 2015.

### **Consultation**

The consultation generated a total of 1 response. This was from the Chilterns Conservation Board, which noted that over half of the proposed area falls within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the remainder forms part of the setting of the AONB. The response highlighted the requirement for great weight to be given to conserving landscape and scenic beauty of AONBs. It stated that the neighbourhood plan will need to have regard to national policy, including policy on AONBs, and be in general conformity with the strategic policies in WDC's development plan. It added that the parish council is a public body subject to the duty in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 Section 85, which specifies that relevant authorities should "have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area of outstanding natural beauty."

### **Decision**

The response has been noted, but it is not considered that it gives rise to objections to the area as applied for or that there are any other substantive issues or grounds for objection to the proposed area. Wycombe District Council has therefore proceeded with designation of the Neighbourhood Area as applied for.

The Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Area was formally designated on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015.