

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 S8 and Section 61 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 S5

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION BY SHOREHAM BEACH NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

1. The legal requirements

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 S8

Name of proposed Neighbourhood Forum

Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Forum

Written Constitution of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum

The attached Constitution was approved and adopted at the Inaugural General Meeting of Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Forum at the Shoreham Beach Primary School on Tuesday July 15th.

Name of the Neighbourhood Area

Shoreham Beach – map attached

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Section 61 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 S5

The adopted Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Forum Constitution meets the requirements of S5 (a), (b), and (d). The membership requirements of S5 (c) are met by the current membership of the Forum – see attached list. With regard to S 5 (e), no other conditions have been prescribed by the Local Planning Authority

2. The reasons for this application

The proposed Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Plan Area (the Marine Ward) is a well-defined, mainly residential neighbourhood comprising some 2300 properties, bounded in the main by the River Adur to the north, the English Channel to the south and the mouth of Shoreham Harbour to the east. In recent years Shoreham Beach has come under increasing development pressure, which has resulted in the demolition of older bungalows and the redevelopment of the plots at higher density. The growing demand for more housing in the coastal towns of Sussex will ensure that pressures for ongoing small scale redevelopment at Shoreham Beach will continue and may well increase. This is a piece-meal and cumulative process which residents want to influence to ensure that whilst some growth and change occurs, the unique character of the area is conserved.

Other issues which the residents want to address include the provision of community facilities for children, young people and the elderly; transport and traffic – provision for pedestrians, cyclists, cars and public transport; leisure provision, including the potential increase in visitors to the sea shore when the Ferry Road Facelift is implemented and the related need to conserve

the natural environment; heritage conservation – including the future of Shoreham Fort; and the development of local businesses and employment.

All these issues were raised in the run-up to and during the Inaugural General Meeting of the Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Forum on July 15th. This meeting was attended by 90 residents and established an initial Forum membership of 75. This demonstrated the potential for fully engaging the Shoreham Beach community in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. The current membership includes residents from different parts of the area and will be built up through our ongoing community engagement programme to ensure that it is fully representative of all groups in the community.

The new Forum is fully supported by the two independent councillors for the Marine Ward (Cllrs. Liza McKinney and Ben Stride) and the long-established Shoreham Beach Residents' Association which has 750 paid-up members, a web-site and publishes and delivers Beach News to every household on the Beach, three times a year. SBRA marks its 60th anniversary next year.

The Inaugural General Meeting adopted the Constitution and elected the Management Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The first meeting of the Shoreham Beach Management Committee on July 22nd agreed to submit this application and established the leadership of a series of Working Groups.

Thus the developmental work over the past four months has established the need for a Neighbourhood Plan and the capacity to undertake its preparation.

Dawn Clenton-Sparey
Chair
Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Forum

July 31st 2014