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Dear Fordham Parish Council

I am writing to confirm receipt of the Fordham Neighbourhood Plan (Submission Version) and accompanying documents; and to confirm that the plan meets the statutory requirements and can therefore proceed to examination.

*Statutory requirements*

Where the submitted Neighbourhood Plan meets the statutory requirements set out in paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Council will publicise the Plan for a minimum of 6 weeks, invite representations, notify any consultation body referred to in the consultation statement and send the draft Neighbourhood Plan to independent examination. For reference, the statutory requirements are available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/10/enacted>.

*Authorisation to prepare plan*

The plan was submitted by Fordham Parish Council and applies to the designated Fordham Neighbourhood Area. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is coterminous with the Fordham Civil Parish boundary, and does not include land within any other parish. As a parish council, Fordham Parish Council is authorised to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the designated Fordham Neighbourhood Area<sup>1</sup>.

*Draft Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents*

Fordham Parish Council submitted the draft Neighbourhood Plan which contains policies and proposals which apply to the designated Fordham Neighbourhood Area. The submitted Plan is accompanied by a Basic Conditions Statement, Consultation Statement, a SEA Screening Report and a suite of evidence documents providing assessment of local issues.

The suite of documents appears complete and consistent with the requirements of national planning policy, guidance and legislation<sup>2</sup>.

*Planning permission and excluded development*

The draft Neighbourhood Plan sets out proposed planning policies which apply to the Fordham Neighbourhood Area only. The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not therefore directly grant planning permission. If the plan is made, development proposals will continue to be subject to the planning application process.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not provide for the granting of planning permission for any development that is excluded development<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Paras. 6(a) & (b) of Sch. 4B.

<sup>2</sup> Paras. 6(c) & (d) of Sch. 4B

<sup>3</sup> Para. 6(e) of Sch. 4B

In conclusion, the Council is satisfied that the submitted Fordham Neighbourhood Plan complies with the statutory requirements. The Council will therefore proceed to publish the plan for a 6 week period from Thursday 17 May to Friday 29 June 2018, inviting representations during this time.

The Strategic Planning Team will be in contact with Fordham Parish Council in due course to discuss arrangements for the Independent Examination.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Kay  
*Strategic Planning Manager*