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**For the attention of Mr. James Freeman.
Head of Development Control.**

BOUGHTON-under-BLEAN AND DUNKIRK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Dear Mr. Freeman,

Further to our meeting on 17th April members of Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Parish Councils have met and resolved to submit an application under Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 for designation of a neighbourhood area.

We are applying for both Parishes to be jointly so designated, and a map is enclosed as required by the regulations, which identifies the Parish boundaries. We would confirm that we are a 'relevant body' as defined in Planning Act 1990 P61G.01 and therefore as such have the authority to commence the process.

The joint committee considered alternative areas such as the village envelopes or main conurbations but voted unanimously that it should be designated as the whole of both of the Parishes combined.

The reasons were as follows:

Selecting parts of either or both parishes could lead to reasonable objection from residents that they had been excluded.

Defining the area from criteria such as village envelopes is a matter for the Neighbourhood Plan and would restrict the development with regard to future needs.

The Neighbourhood Plan may need to identify land outside the village envelopes that might be suitable for development. Again, this can only be defined and included during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The land outside these main areas, and the countryside between, have planning issues that it was felt should be addressed within the Neighbourhood Plan.

If this submission is deemed to be suitable by Swale Borough Council we understand there will be a 6 week consultation before you are able to ratify the area.

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When we have confirmation of your acceptance we will publicise this on both Parish Council websites, in the (already) joint Parish magazine and on all notice boards currently used by both Councils.

Please let us know if you require any further information, otherwise we look forward to receiving your decision on our application in due course.

Yours sincerely,

For, and on behalf of, the Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

3rd May 2013
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