

GREAT CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL and LITTLE CHESTERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

JOINT STATEMENT

31 March, 2022

**Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Development Plan - Formal Written Statement confirming that Gt Chesterford Parish Council is acting as the Qualifying Body and that Lt Chesterford explicitly consents to this arrangement**

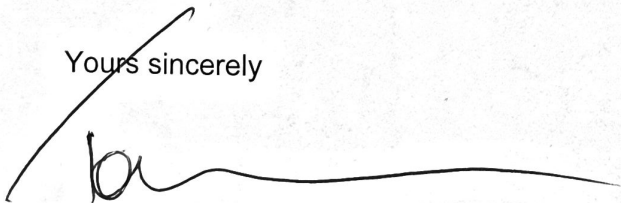
In relation to the formal submission of the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Development Plan for Regulation 16 Consultation we write to formally confirm that Great Chesterford Parish Council is the "Relevant Body" for the purposes of s61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Under the Localism Act 2011, Schedule 9 Part 1 (Neighbourhood Development Orders), a new s61E was inserted into the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and at (6) "*A "qualifying body" means a parish council, or an organisation or body designated as a neighbourhood forum, authorised for the purposes of a neighbourhood development order to act in relation to a neighbourhood area as a result of section 61F*". Section 61F allows a Parish Council to act in relation to an area greater than its parish boundaries under these circumstances.

Great Chesterford Parish Council is therefore the Qualifying Body pursuant to the Localism Act and that arrangement has been approved by both Great Chesterford Parish Council and Little Chesterford Parish Council.

The extent of the Neighbourhood Plan Area is greater than the Parish Boundary of Great Chesterford and encompasses the Parish Boundary of Little Chesterford. The Neighbourhood Plan Area was approved by Uttlesford District Council on 18 June 2015.

Yours sincerely



Tom Newcombe

For and on behalf of Great Chesterford Parish Council



Fiona Wilkinson

For and on behalf of Little Chesterford Parish Council