



# WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL

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Mr Nigel Gibbons  
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Dear Mr Gibbons,

## **West Dean Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**

I submit this application to the Forest of Dean District Council on behalf of West Dean Parish Council.

Having reached the examination stage for the Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End NDP, the Parish Council intends to carry out a further NDP for the Pillowell ward of the West Dean Parish Council area.

In submitting this application, I am providing herewith 1) identification of the area to which the application relates, 2) a statement explaining why the area is appropriate for designation as a Neighbourhood area and 3) a statement that the Parish Council is a relevant body within Section 61G (2) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

1) The area to which the application relates is the West Dean Parish Council and Forest of Dean District Council Pillowell ward. The District Council will have a map defining this area, but a copy can be sent if required.

2) The area is a mix of forestry land and former industrial and mining sites. With the network of cycle tracks, the prospect of a multi used track to Lydney, the cycle shops, Whitemead Park and the Speech House Hotel the area has the opportunity to emerge strongly from post-industrial depression.

It is an area with strong local traditions, and a string of active communities in the many villages which make up the designated area. It contains many examples of traditional Forest buildings, but retains a charming diversity and contains a conservation area. It has its own identity as a West Dean and Forest of Dean District Council ward.

3) West Dean Parish Council declares that, as a Parish Council, it is a relevant body under Section 61G (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

Sincerely

Dave Kent, Clerk