

Mr Michael Murphy  
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Dear Michael

**Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Sutton Valence**

Sutton Valence Parish Council would like to register the area of Sutton Valence in the borough of Maidstone in order to promote the compilation of a Neighbourhood Plan. It is understood that the plan once accepted and agreed will form part of the Maidstone Local Plan and Core Strategy for the future.

A map has already been sent to you showing the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area, this is also the parish boundary of Sutton Valence.

The Parish Council has applied for the whole Parish for the following reasons:

1. The Parish Council do not wish to disenfranchise any parishioners or businesses.
2. There are distinct portions of the Parish with their own unique problems and opportunities and Parishioners from all areas should be able to contribute.
3. At meetings on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October Parishioners who attended, represented all areas of the Parish without exception.
4. All areas of Sutton Valence contain green spaces to some degree and the Parish Council wish to protect those spaces.

We understand that there will follow a six week public consultation period where you invite members of the public for their views and request that this commences 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013. Once this date has been agreed the Parish council will do a letter drop setting out the plan area and how parishioners can make a representation during the consultation. This will also be advertised on the website and notice boards.

Sutton Valence Parish Council will promote community involvement with the plan which is intended to form an integral part of social wellbeing, planning and future sustainability for Sutton Valence.

Our Borough Councillor Mrs Paulina Stockell is fully supportive of this proposal.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

Janet Burnett  
Clerk to Sutton Valence Parish Council