

Decision Maker: **Development Control Committee Executive**

Date: **22 March 2016**
23 March 2016

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: **PETITION - KNOLL AREA OF SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER (ASRA)**

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Ward: Petts Wood and Knoll; Orpington

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At the full Council meeting on 22nd February 2016 Members received a petition from the Knoll Residents Association asking the Council to designate an area of Petts Wood and Knoll ward (and including a small part of Orpington ward) as an Area of Special Residential Character (ASRC). The petition was referred by Council to Development Control Committee and the Executive recommending that the proposal be included in the Development Plan process.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That Development Control Committee recommends to the Executive that the merits of establishing a Knoll Area of Special Residential Character (ASRC) be formally considered through the Local Plan process, and the petition be included as a submission seeking this change.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Not Applicable
 4. Total current budget for this head: Not Applicable
 5. Source of funding: Not Applicable
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): Not applicable
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Applicable:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): The petition contains in excess of 900 signatures.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Yes
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Ward Councillors have supported the proposal

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 The Council's Petition Scheme allows for petitioners to present their case to full Council if they are dissatisfied with the Council's response to their petition, provided that the number of verified signatures exceeds the threshold of 500. In this case, the lead petitioner, Mr Paul Savage, Chairman of the Knoll Residents Association, addressed Council at the meeting on 22nd February 2016.

3.2 The full prayer of the petition is as follows –

“To safeguard the distinctive character of the Knoll Area (broadly the area bounded by Dale Wood Road, Crofton Lane, Lynwood Grove cutting across to Irvine Way, Broxbourne Road, Chislehurst Road, Orpington High Street continuing into Sevenoaks Road until the railway line) by designating it an Area of Special Residential Character. We, the undersigned, are adult residents of the Knoll and petition the London Borough of Bromley to designate the Knoll area an ASRC.”

3.3 At the Council meeting, it was proposed by Cllr Peter Morgan, seconded by Cllr Peter Dean and agreed that the issue should be referred to Development Control Committee and the Executive for consideration with the recommendation that it is formally considered through the Local Plan process.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Finance/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Petition Scheme Petition from Knoll Residents Association