Maidstone Borough Council

Record of decision of the Head of Planning and Economic Development

Decision made: 12/05/2026

Boxley Neighbourhood Area Application

1. Issue for Decision

To consider the designation of Boxley parish as a neighbourhood area for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood development plan. This designation will update and supersede the Boxley neighbourhood area formally designated on 5 September 2013.

2. Decision Made

The neighbourhood area application submitted by Boxley Parish Council to Maidstone Borough Council on 29 April 2026 is **approved** and the neighbourhood area is formally designated.

3. Reasons for Decision

The following considerations have been taken into account in making the decision:

i. Is Boxley Parish Council a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990?[1]

Yes. Boxley Parish Council is defined as a relevant body and is authorised to act in relation to the designation of a neighbourhood area.

ii. Does the application include a map to which the neighbourhood area application relates?

Yes.

iii. Does the proposed neighbourhood area follow existing, established administrative or planning boundaries?

Yes. The proposed neighbourhood area follows the existing parish boundary (as per the plan attached).

iv. Does the proposed neighbourhood area exclude areas which would be more appropriate to include?

No. The proposed neighbourhood area follows the existing parish boundary (as per the plan attached).

v. Does the proposed neighbourhood area overlap with another approved neighbourhood area?

[1] Inserted by paragraph 2 of Schedule 9 to the Localism Act 2011

No. The proposed neighbourhood area does not overlap with another approved neighbourhood area. Alternatives considered (and reasons for refusal, where relevant)

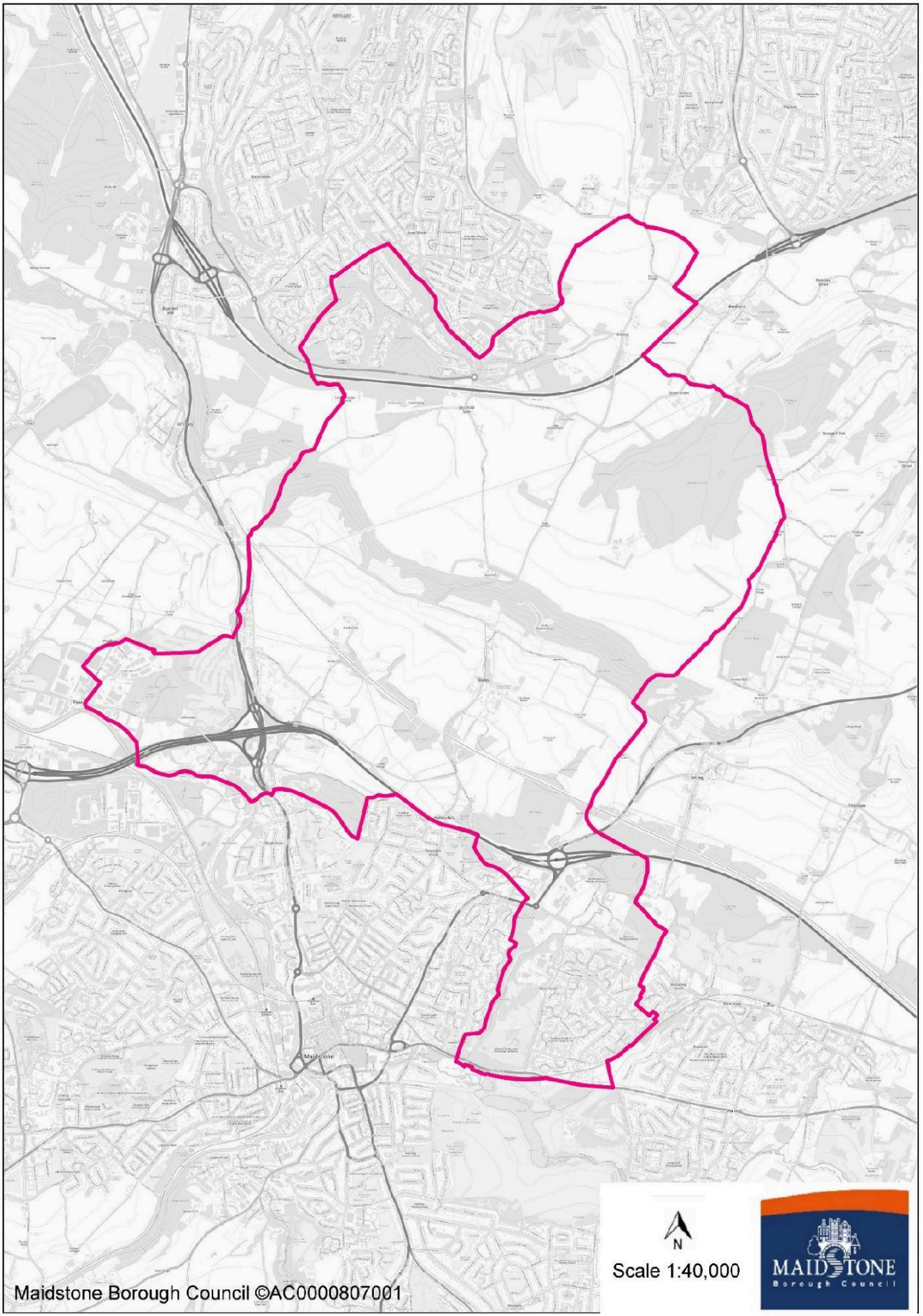
The decision to approve the Boxley neighbourhood area has been made for the reasons set out in Section (3) above. The alternative is to refuse the application and not formally designate the neighbourhood area. The Council considers that the relevant statutory requirements have been satisfied, and therefore the neighbourhood area is formally designated.

4. Background Papers

None.

Signature: 

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