

# BARFORD, SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON

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Dear Mr Hay,

### **Application for the Designation of a Neighbourhood Area**

At the meeting of Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton Joint Parish Council on 2 September 2013 it was agreed to make an application to Warwick District Council for the designation of the Parish of Barford as a neighbourhood area for the purpose of producing a Neighbourhood Plan under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

In accordance with Part 2 paragraph 5 (1) of the above Regulations the Joint Parish Council submits:

- (a) a map identifying the area to which the application relates (enclosed), being the current boundary of the Parish of Barford;
  
- (b) the following statement in support of the designation of the Parish as an appropriate neighbourhood area:

Barford is a distinct neighbourhood within the area covered by the Joint Parish Council ("JPC") and is recognised by its residents as such. The JPC represents three separate and very different parishes. This application is for the designation of the land to form the area of the Neighbourhood Plan which is

made in respect of the area within the Parish of Barford alone for the reasons given below. The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 enable communities to provide a suggested structure for future development of a defined area.

- In April 2013 Parish Meetings were held in Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne respectively. At the Parish Meeting of Barford those present indicated a desire to investigate formulating a Neighbourhood Plan. At that stage the area to be subject to the plan had not been defined. The ensuing meeting of those interested in helping to advance the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan were all residents of Barford. The proposal was discussed in the JPC meeting in May, when the representatives from Wasperton and Sherbourne were supportive of Barford's plans, but did not wish to include their own parishes. A Neighbourhood Plan was not pursued in either of the respective Parish Meetings for Wasperton or Sherbourne.
- The emerging Local Plan published by Warwick District Council treats Barford differently from the other two parishes in respect of the additional housing it considers could be absorbed.
- The Plan will be produced for Barford alone but it is anticipated that it will be necessary to make some reference to adjoining parishes, including Wasperton and Sherbourne.

(c) that the Joint Parish Council is the relevant body for the purposes of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, section 61G.

The JPC requests that you commence processing this application in accordance with the aforementioned Regulations.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

J. F. Johnson

Clerk to the Council