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19th November 2013

Dear Mr Nash

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012
Designation of Neighbourhood Area
Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council

I am writing to request the designation of a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61 of the above Act.

On 29th July 2013] Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council resolved to apply for designation of the whole of Bidford-on-Avon Parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing the Bidford-on-Avon Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Section 61G(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that in determining the application the local authority “must have regard to the desirability the whole area of a Parish Council as the neighbourhood area”.

The Parish Council considers that it is appropriate to designate the whole of Bidford-on-Avon Parish as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

1. Bidford-on-Avon Parish comprises the villages of Bidford-on-Avon and Broom as well as the nearby hamlets of Barton and Marlcliff. These settlements form a natural small grouping with a population of approximately 5,000 set in open countryside.
2. *Bidford-on-Avon is designated as a Main Rural Centre* in the Core Strategy (2012) serving the surrounding hamlets and isolated groups of dwellings and businesses.
3. The Parish Council is in the process of canvassing parishioners and businesses on the proposal for a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish and envisages receiving overwhelming support, in favour of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Bidford-on-Avon.

The Parish Council has the full support of the three District Councillors for this application to designate the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area.

Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council is a 'relevant body' within the terms of Section 61.

A copy of a plan showing the boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area is attached.

I look forward hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Elisabeth Uggerløse
Clerk to Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council