

THE COMBINED PARISHES OF BAGWORTH & THORNTON AND STANTON UNDER BARDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING PROJECT

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Dear Sir

**RE: Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012
Application for Designation of a Combined Neighbourhood Area for the
Parishes of Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon**

In accordance with the relevant legislation as defined by the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, ('the Regulations'), the Bagworth and Thornton Parish Council and the Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Council being 'relevant bodies' as defined in Section 61(g) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 have created a joint Steering Group (known as the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group) in order to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

As required by Regulation 5 of the Regulations, this Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area is accompanied by the following:-

- A map which identifies the area to which the application refers
- A letter from the Chairman of Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Council acknowledging that Bagworth and Thornton Parish Council will act as the lead authority wherever appropriate during the project
- A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area in accordance with the Regulations.

The Neighbourhood Area indicated by a red line on the enclosed map incorporates the whole of the combined parishes of Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon.

Statement

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The Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group consider the defined area to be appropriate for designation for the following reasons:-

1. It includes the entire area in the administrative jurisdiction of the Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council and the Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Council which serve the communities of Bagworth, Thornton, Merry Lees and Stanton-under-Bardon.
2. The Parish Councils wish to promote a greater sense of community by creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan which meets the potential present and future needs of residents, businesses and other stakeholders.
3. The Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group has been established to ensure all residents and other interested parties are offered the opportunity to contribute to the creation of the Plan and to facilitate ways and means to address pressures that future development of the area might cause. The intention of the Steering Group is to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan which will ensure that the very pleasant countryside within the area is protected whilst purposeful and desirable development is encouraged.
4. The Steering Group will work in partnership with the Rural Community Council and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (which has a duty of support) and will ensure that an 'Open Door' policy is maintained such that residents and other stakeholders are encouraged to observe its activities and become involved at any time.

For the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act this letter is both our application for designation and our supporting statement.

Yours faithfully,



Russell George
Chairman

For and on behalf of Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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