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PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Christine Farris
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1st April 2016

Dear Christine,

Re: Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area: Papplewick

Papplewick Parish Council, being a 'relevant body' as required by legislation within Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, wishes to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan and formally applies for the Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. We confirm that Papplewick Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act because it is a local authority in its own right, bound by statute and accountable to its constituents.

The Neighbourhood Area defined by the Parish Council is the whole of the civil parish of Papplewick as shown on the enclosed maps, and that part of Ashfield District which lies between Papplewick Lane (in the north), Moor Road (in the east), The Calverton Railway (in the south) and the River Leen (in the west) – mainly comprising those residential properties with access to Moor Road.

We consider that the defined area is an appropriate area for designation as a Neighbourhood Area for the following reasons:

- The defined area includes the whole of Papplewick Parish, including the village of Papplewick, the linear settlement along Mansfield Road (the A60) and outlying dwellings and farms.
- It also includes that part of Ashfield District east of the river Leen which was traditionally within Papplewick Parish and whose residents still consider themselves to live in Papplewick.
- Papplewick is a small conservation village located centrally within the Neighbourhood Plan area, within Gedling Borough and bordering Ashfield District. Most of the Parish is within the Greenbelt.

- There is a strong sense of community within the Parish which we believe can grow and flourish as the Plan is developed, with the Parish Council working actively with residents and stakeholders from all parts of the community.
- We believe that the Neighbourhood Area, as defined, will allow that plan to reflect the needs, aspirations and future requirements of the entire Papplewick community.
- A Neighbourhood Development Plan will provide an opportunity for the community of Papplewick to address the issues that will allow the community to grow coherently and sustainably.
- Joint meetings have been undertaken with Linby Parish Council who intend to pursue their own Neighbourhood Development Plan which will include the whole of the Linby Parish and will have benefits in terms of coverage and consistency of approach.

Yours sincerely

Cllr S Roberts
Chairman of Papplewick Parish Council