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Our reference.

Dear Sir,

Application for the designation of the Great Linford Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Introduction
Great Linford Parish Council (GLPC) have agreed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan and in accordance with the requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 submit an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area. This application includes:

- A map to which the area application relates.
- A statement explaining why the area is considered appropriate to be designated.
- A statement that the organisation is a relevant body.

The Great Linford Parish Council Area.
Great Linford Parish Council (GLPC) represents around 20,600 people living in Great Linford, Gifford Park, Blakelands, Neath Hill, Pennyland, Bolbeck Park, Tongwell, Con niburrow, Downs Barn, Downhead Park, Willen Park and the Northern Expansion Area known as Red House Park.

GLPC is an area of diverse and varied character and differs in terms of both its urban and suburban character and levels of prosperity; it includes Con niburrow, which is one of Milton Keynes Council’s priority regeneration areas. The local economy is supported by a number of local centres at Neath Hill, Great Linford, Gifford Park, Willen and local facilities at Con niburrow.

The proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area will cover all of the areas falling within the parish. The extent of the parish and the area to which the application relates is shown on the attached map.

The appropriate plan area.
GLPC has for some time been working on a strategic plan and a vision which aspires to build a stronger local community, a high quality environment, greater engagement and partnership, improved local services and social and economic wellbeing at a local level.

GLPC sees the neighbourhood planning process and the preparation of a neighbourhood plan as an opportunity to fully engage with the community. A plan area that embraces the whole of the parish is considered to be an appropriate vehicle to deliver this vision.

In 2011 GLPC prepared an application in conjunction with Milton Keynes Council to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) for support under the Frontrunners initiative.

The application was successful. A localism sub committee group has been set up to take the neighbourhood planning process forward. This steering group is currently working on a detailed programme that incorporates the requirements of the neighbourhood planning regulations, the terms of reference and a stakeholders group. This programme will include an active engagement programme with the local community.

Qualifying status
GLPC meets the relevant body requirements in accordance with Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. and in order to satisfy regulation 5, submits an application for the area shown on the attached map to be the area designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area by the Local Planning Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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Erwin Tagg,
Clerk to Great Linford Parish Council.

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