Fenny Compton Parish Council

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Application for Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to apply to Stratford-on-Avon District Council requesting designation of the Fenny Compton Neighbourhood Plan area in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

2. Background

An initial neighbourhood plan public meeting was held on 16 November 2016 where residents were consulted on whether a neighbourhood plan should be drafted for Fenny Compton. Attendees voted in favour, and the matter was referred to the parish council to proceed.

At the parish council meeting on 21 November 2016, the council resolved to proceed with the preparation of a neighbourhood plan, and to make the area designation application as the first step.

The parish council are still in the process of setting up a steering group which will prepare the plan, with the parish council acting as the qualifying body. The steering group will consist of a mixture of parish councillors and residents.

The plan will carry the title 'Fenny Compton Neighbourhood Plan', and the area designation is intended to exactly match the parish boundary.

3. Application

Regulation 5 requires the submission of the following to the local planning authority:

a) A map which identifies the area to which the application relates.

Please see page 3.

b) A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood plan area

At the parish council meeting held on 21 November 2016, it was agreed that the neighbourhood plan area should exactly match the administrative area of the parish council and thus follow the parish boundary. This is appropriate because the entirety of this area is relevant to the local community for the purposes of planning and development and it is

correct to consider it as a whole. However, Fenny Compton is a village with facilities such as a doctors' surgery, shop, pubs, school, nursery and local employment, which draw people from smaller neighbouring villages, and the need is acknowledged to consult with them as the plan progresses.

c) A statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purpose of Section 61(G)2 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Under the section referred to above, a relevant body is defined as a parish council or an organisation or body which is, or is capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum. This neighbourhood plan area designation is submitted by Fenny Compton Parish Council, which is defined as a relevant body for the purposes of the matter.

4. Conclusion

Fenny Compton Parish Council formally requests that Stratford-on-Avon District Council acknowledges our intention to produce a neighbourhood plan for Fenny Compton parish, and requests confirmation or agreement that the area applied for is designated.

No previous applications have been made for the designation of a neighbourhood plan area for Fenny Compton.

Fenny Compton Neighbourhood Plan – Area Designation Map

