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Dear Julie,

Designation of a new Neighbourhood Area for the Parish of Hampton-in-Arden

Thank you for your application to Solihull MBC for the designation of a new Neighbourhood Area for Hampton-in-Arden, which was received on 31 January 2020.

Section 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (hereafter referred to as 'the Regulations') sets out that when making an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, the relevant body (in this case the Parish Council) must include:

- (a) a map which identifies the area to which the area application relates;
- (b) a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and
- (c) a statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Section 5A of the Regulations states that where an application is received from a Parish Council and the area specified in the application consists of the whole of the Parish Council's area, the LPA must designate the specified area as a Neighbourhood Area.

In such cases there is no requirement to publicise an area application or invite representations.

Assessment of the application

In this case, the application is made by the Parish Council which is a relevant body for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning in this area. It is accompanied by a map which identifies the extent to which the area application relates. It includes a statement setting out the reasons for the application together with explanation of why the area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. There is also a statement that the organisation making the application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Officers therefore consider that the application is made in full accordance with the required Regulations. Furthermore, as the area specified in the application covers the whole of the Parish Council's area, the Regulations set out that the Local Planning Authority must designate the area as submitted.

I am pleased to inform you that the application for the new Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Area is therefore approved.

The Neighbourhood Area has not been designated as a business area under S.61H of the Act as it is not wholly or predominantly business in nature.

The relevant designation information is set out below:

- Name of Neighbourhood Area – Hampton-in-Arden
- Map of area – see attached map
- Relevant body – Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council

We look forward to working with you again and if you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Area 2020 (includes area A)

