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Dear Mr Back

Ref: Application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan

In accordance with the Statutory Instrument, Town and Country Planning England:

Neighbourhood Planning (England) Regulations 2012, Brinklow Parish Council makes formal application to Rugby Borough Council for the designation of the land which will constitute the area in the Neighbourhood Plan being prepared by the Parish Council under the statutory regime for neighbourhood planning, made under the Localism Act 2011.

In accordance with Part 2 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, paragraph 5(1), this application submits:

- (a) The application relates to a boundary that is coterminous with the current ward boundary of the parish of Brinklow.
- (b) The Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area is the current boundary and administrative area of Brinklow Parish Council. Councillors currently represent and serve this area and the Parish Council consider it essential to consider the needs of the area.
- (c) That Brinklow Parish Council is the relevant body for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, section 61g(2) as specified by paragraph 2(a) of Schedule 9 of the Localism Act 2011 for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council recognise that local and national policies favour growth and development in Rugby Borough Council and Brinklow Parish Council requests that you commence processing this application as set out in paragraph 6 of part 2 of the said Regulations.

Background

Following Rugby Boroughs Councils visit to consult on the development of the draft Local Plan, residents have asked Brinklow Parish Council to investigate the benefits and dis benefits of developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Having provided the community with information explaining the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan and how it might be used to influence future development and growth in the Parish, residents have overwhelmingly voted in favour of the Parish Council taking steps to develop such a plan.

The draft Local Plan has highlighted Brinklow as a major rural settlement and there are proposals to build 100 houses around the village. Most of the proposed sites fall outside the settlement area but within the parish boundary and therefore it is appropriate to consider the parish boundary as the Neighbourhood Plan area. I have attached a map which indicates the area to be designated.

Please could you kindly acknowledge this letter and also provide the Parish Council with details of how to access support and grant funding for the production of our Neighbourhood plan.

Yours Sincerely

David Lowe

Chair of Brinklow Parish Council