Bishop's Itchington | Parish Council

Mrs Alison Biddle PSLCC Clerk to the Council

The Planning Policy Team SDC Elizabeth House Church Street Stratford on Avon CV37 6HX

31 October 2019

Dear Sir,

Application to vary the designated neighbourhood plan area for Bishop's Itchington

Bishop's Itchington Parish Council hereby formally applies to Stratford on Avon District Council to vary the previously designated neighbourhood plan area made in 2013 in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

In compliance with the requirements of Regulation 5, we include a map identifying the area to which this new application relates. It is necessary to apply for a variation because the parish boundary between Bishop's Itchington and Harbury was altered with effect from 1 April 2019 as part of a governance review of the parish of Bishop's Itchington. The parish boundary was altered to bring a new housing development at the former cement works wholly within the parish of Bishop's Itchington rather than leaving it straddling both parishes. The new development is much nearer to Bishop's Itchington village than Harbury and will be physically linked to it via a new cycleway and footpath.

We have consulted closely with Harbury Parish Council throughout the process of the governance review and we have also discussed the impact that any change in the designated area for the Bishop's Itchington NDP, would have on Harbury, which already has a made NDP. In fact, there will be no physical impact at all, because Harbury village is located some distance from the boundary and while there are a few properties close to the boundary which are not part of the new housing development, they will all remain within Harbury parish. The Harbury NDP does not include any proposals or policies which may be affected by either the change in the parish boundary or a change in the designated area for the Bishop's Itchington NDP.

Bishop's Itchington Parish Council initiated the neighbourhood plan steering group which comprises local residents and parish councillors. This group is taking the lead on preparing the neighbourhood plan for this area and has the parish council's full support.

The Old Sorting Office Chapel Street Bishop's Itchington Southam CV47 2RB This application for designation of an amended neighbourhood plan area is submitted by Bishop's Itchington Parish Council which, as a parish council, is a relevant body for the purposes of this matter defined as such under Section 61G (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1980.

Bishop's Itchington Parish Council formally requests that Stratford on Avon District Council, as the local planning authority, publicises this application in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Biddle

Clerk to the Council

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