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The 15th century Seal of the
Borough of Henley-in-Arden

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Dear Mr Nash

Neighbourhood Plan Area Application
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012
Designation of Neighbourhood Area

Joint Beaudesert and Henley-in-Arden Parish Council

I am writing to request the designation of a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61 of the above Act.

On 17th March 2014 the Joint Beaudesert and Henley-in-Arden Parish Council resolved to apply for the designation of the whole Beaudesert and Henley-in-Arden Area for the purposes of preparing a Development Plan for the Parish.

Section 61G (4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that in determining the application the Local Authority 'must have regard to the desirability of the whole area of a Parish Council as the Neighbourhood area'.

The Parish Council considers that it is appropriate to designate the whole of Beaudesert and Henley in Arden as a Neighbourhood Area for the following reasons:

The Joint Beaudesert and Henley in Arden Parish Council comprises the settlements of Beaudesert and Henley-in-Arden. These two places which adjoin were historically created in 1220 by a charter by Henry III. The communities of Beaudesert and Henley-in-Arden agreed to form one Joint Parish Council in 1976. These settlements now form a group with a population of over 3,000 (2011 census), set in open countryside where the A3400 connects Birmingham, Solihull and Stratford upon Avon and close to M42 and M40.

The Parish Council is in the process of canvassing and giving presentations to parishioners and businesses on the proposal for a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish and envisages receiving overwhelming support in favour of preparing such a plan.

The Parish Council has the full support of its two District Councillors for this application to designate the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area.

The Joint Beaudesert and Henley-in-Arden Parish Council is a 'relevant body' within the terms of Section 61.

A copy of a plan showing the Boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area is attached. Our reference number for the Ordnance Survey is **100029231**.

I look forward hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Walsh', written in a cursive style.

Jenny Walsh
Clerk and Officer for the Parish Council