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

This is a formal application made by Salford Priors Parish Council to the Stratford on Avon District Council to request formally the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area of the Parish of Salford Priors under Part 2, Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Salford Priors Parish Council resolved to apply for the designation of the whole of Salford Priors Parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing the Salford Priors Neighbourhood Plan. *(copy of meeting minute 7 attached)* 

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 the whole area of a Parish Council as the neighbourhood area".

Therefore it is felt that there are no compelling reasons why the Neighbourhood Area as indicated in the attached Map should not be given favourable consideration.

The regulation states that an application submitted to the local planning authority 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 application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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## The following is submitted:

- a) A map showing the area designated by the boundary of the Parish is attached
- b) Salford Priors Parish Council considers that it is appropriate to designate the whole of Salford Priors Parish as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:
- Salford Priors Parish comprises the settlements of Salford Priors, Abbots Salford, Dunnington, Wood Bevington, Cock Bevington Rushford, Iron Cross and Pitchill. These settlements form a natural small grouping with a population of approximately 1800 set in open countryside.
- <sup>2.</sup> Salford Priors is designated as a Local Service Centre in the Core Strategy (2012) serving the surrounding hamlets and isolated groups of dwellings and businesses.
- c) Under Section 61G (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a relevant body is defined as a parish council or an organisation or body which is capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum. This application is submitted by Salford Priors Parish Council which is considered to be a relevant body for the purposes of this application and is, therefore authorised under Section 61G (2).

Salford Priors Parish Council has initiated a neighbourhood plan steering group which comprises of local residents, landowners and parish councillors there currently 27 individuals are involved. This group will take the lead in preparing the neighbourhood plan for this area and has the parish council's full support.

For the reasons outlined above, the proposed Neighbourhood Area as shown on the attached Map, is considered to be appropriate and justified and the parish council a "relevant body" for the purposes of this application.

Salford Priors Parish Council therefore respectfully requests the Stratford on Avon District Council processes this application in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Yours faithfully

Kim James Acting Clerk to the Salford Priors Parish Council

**Encl:** Map detailing designated boundary Minute of Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013