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## **Application for Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation**

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### **1. Introduction**

The purpose of this document is to apply to Stratford-on-Avon District Council requesting designation of the Gaydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan area in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

### **2. Background**

At the parish council meeting, and with the support of attending parishioners, on 4 February 2019, the council resolved to proceed with the preparation of a neighbourhood plan, and on 12 April 2019 it was agreed to make the area designation application as the first step.

We are in the process of establishing a steering group to prepare the plan, with the parish council acting as the qualifying body. Our goal is that the steering group will consist of a mixture of parish councillors and residents.

The plan will carry the title 'Gaydon Neighbourhood Plan', and the area designation is intended to exactly match the parish boundary.

### **3. Application**

Regulation 5 requires the submission of the following to the local planning authority:

- a. A map which identifies the area to which the application relates.*

Please see Appendix 1.

- b. A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood plan area*

At the parish council meeting held on 12 April 2019, it was agreed that the neighbourhood plan area should exactly match the administrative area of the parish council and thus follow the parish boundary. This is appropriate because the entirety of this area is relevant to the local community for the purposes of planning and development and it is right to consider it as a whole. However, Gaydon is a village with facilities such as a shop, pub, and local employment, which draw people from other neighbouring villages, and the need is acknowledged to consult with them as the plan progresses.

- c. *A statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purpose of Section 61(G)2 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).*

Under the section referred to above, a relevant body is defined as a parish council or an organisation or body which is, or is capable of being designated as a neighbourhood forum. This neighbourhood plan area designation is submitted by Gaydon Parish Council, which is defined as a relevant body for the purposes of the matter.

#### **4. Conclusion**

Gaydon Parish Council formally requests that Stratford-on-Avon District Council acknowledges our intention to produce a neighbourhood plan for Gaydon parish, and requests confirmation or agreement that the area applied for is designated.

No previous applications have been made for the designation of a neighbourhood plan area for Gaydon.