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Dear Mr James

Re: Application for Designation of Neighbourhood Area for parish of Norton

Norton Parish Council met on Tuesday 16th June 2015 where it was agreed that the Parish Council should proceed with producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Norton. This is to provide a guide to the development of the village and settlements throughout the Parish over the next 15 years in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act and in conjunction with the West Northants Joint Core Strategy and Daventry District Council Local Plan.

The Parish Council is the “relevant body” for the purpose of Section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and wish to seek designation for the Neighbourhood Area as that enclosed by the Parish Boundary with the exception of the area known as Daventry NE SUE as shown on the enclosed map. This will incorporate the traffic corridor that will travel East/West across the parish will connect the Daventry NE SUE and the A5 at the Long Buckby Wharf crossroads.

The Parish Council consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Planning Area as it will allow the many diverse sections of the parish to develop a shared vision for the area including a planning policy for the Parish. It will provide an opportunity for the residents to shape the area around the Daventry NE SUE and retain the character of the buildings, village centre and outlying dwellings within the Parish including the canal side community. In addition the retailers in the Parish will also assist in introducing their vision for small to medium sized retail businesses to thrive.

With the development of Daventry NE SUE, there is the likelihood for increased traffic through the

village and hence create issues that will require attention and a Neighbourhood Plan will bring a focus to this aspect of living in Norton. The Plan will provide an opportunity to provide preferred solutions to any potential traffic calming measures for the community.

Norton Parish has been designated as an "Infill Village" which has been supported by Norton Parish Council. In addition, a small Affordable Homes site was developed in 2007-8. The Housing Needs Survey Report compiled in March 2015 shows a proven need for further homes in this category to be built in the village. The provision of a Neighbourhood Plan will allow the local people to develop this. In addition there is potential for the residents in the Parish to contribute to positive aspects of the amenities that could be jointly shared with residents of Daventry NE SUE within the communication corridor, as previously mentioned above, and any local woodland which may form a natural boundary between the two areas. This would not only preserve but enhance local open spaces.

The Parish Council has set up a Steering Group of members of the parish which represent a cross section of the community who will work alongside serving members of Norton Parish Council. They will also consult with all relevant stakeholders.

Norton Parish Council would be grateful if you would register the designated Neighbourhood Area and arrange for the statutory period of consultation to take place.

Yours sincerely

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