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Dear Mr Clarke

Application for Designation of the parishes of Broadwas and Cotheridge as a Neighbourhood Area

Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council wish to make an application for designation of the two parishes as a neighbourhood area in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The power to designate an area as a neighbourhood area is exercisable under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Under regulation 5(1), the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, an area application has to include:

1. A map which identifies the area to be designated
 2. A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area
 3. A statement that the body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G(2) of the 1990 Act:
1. A map showing the boundaries of the group Parishes of Broadwas and Cotheridge is enclosed. The neighbourhood area proposed is the whole of the 2 parishes and satisfies Section 61G(3) of the Act.
 2. The area is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area because it covers the whole of the Group Parish area. This includes the main population centre of Broadwas village, and the surrounding wide range of rural properties in the rest of Broadwas parish and the whole of the parish of Cotheridge. The parishes are contiguous and share a common landscape formed of scattered settlements. The population of the two parishes share some common services including a village hall, public house, primary school, and churches. The A44 runs through both main settlements and the parishes face similar traffic management and transport issues. They also share some common challenges around appropriate accommodation, local employment, and protection of environmental and heritage assets.

The proposed neighbourhood plan will help to shape the future growth of the two parishes to ensure that it is balanced and sustainable and is a reflection of the wishes of the residents of the area. It will also address the protection and enhancement of the natural environment in order to retain the character and individual identity of the area.

3. Broadwas and Cotheridge Group Parish Council is the relevant body for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 61G(2) as specified by paragraph 2(a) of Schedule 9 of the Localism Act 2011 for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely

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Parish Clerk