

HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear David,

Hanley Castle Parish Designated Neighbourhood Area

Please find enclosed an application by Hanley Castle Parish Council for the designation of the parish of Hanley Castle 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 which the area application relates:

A Map detailing the Parish boundary is included and is the proposed neighbourhood area. It constitutes the whole of Hanley Castle parish and so satisfies section 61G (3) of the Act.

2. A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area;

The area is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area because it covers the whole Hanley Castle Parish boundary area which includes both the villages of Hanley Castle and Hanley Swan. Whilst the village of Hanley Swan has the benefits of local facilities such as: a post office, shops, primary school, village hall, playing fields and village green, the neighbouring village of Hanley Castle has the High School, public house and is of historical importance to the area. The neighbourhood plan will help shape the future growth of the two villages through a community led approach, promoting innovation and engendering a strong sense of place, making Hanley Castle Parish an attractive place to live, work and holiday in.

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;

Hanley Castle 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 the Schedule 9 of the Localism Act 2011 for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Abunassar
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