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Mr J Newton
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Dear Mr Newton

Application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area

I am writing to inform you that Ashby de la Zouch Town Council has taken the decision to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the ward of Blackfordby. Therefore in accordance with the Statutory Instrument, Town and Country Planning England: Neighbourhood Planning (England) Regulations 2012, Ashby de la Zouch Town Council makes a formal application to North West Leicestershire District Council for the designation of the land which will constitute the area in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The plan will cover the Ashby de la Zouch Town Council ward of Blackfordby. A map identifying the area to which the application relates is attached.

Ashby de la Zouch Town Council is a relevant body for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Town and County Planning Act. At the Town Council's Planning and Transportation Committee held on 6th June 2016 a resolution was passed: 'To approve the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Blackfordby'. At a meeting of the same Committee on 9th October 2017 a resolution was passed: 'to approve the submission of a letter to North West Leicestershire District Council seeking designated status for the Blackfordby Neighbourhood Plan.'

This area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area for the following reasons:

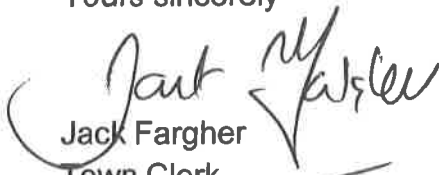
- The proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area is self-contained, has meaningful boundaries and reflects existing local sense of community. The ward of

Blackfordby was excluded from the Ashby de la Zouch Neighbourhood Plan Area.

- The community has expressed strong support for the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Blackfordby.
- To identify appropriate areas for future development

A copy of the District Council's pre-designation form is attached and if you require any more information about this application please contact my Deputy Town Clerk, Karen Edwards.

Yours sincerely


Jack Fargher
Town Clerk
