

18<sup>th</sup> July 2013

David Clarke  
Development Plans and Conservation  
Malvern Hills District Council  
The Council House  
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Malvern  
WR14 3AF

Dear Mr Clarke

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

This is an application by Martley Parish Council for the designation of a neighbourhood area in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. This application has the agreement of Martley Parish Council and Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council. The application is made by Martley Parish Council, which has agreed to be the lead or named parish in taking forward this neighbourhood development plan – see authorisation to act in relation to neighbourhood area attached.

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) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (which came into force on 6 April 2012), an area application has to include: a map which identifies the area to which the area application relates; a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and a statement that the body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G (2) of the 1990 Act.

The map of the proposed neighbourhood area is enclosed. The proposed neighbourhood area includes the whole of the parish of Martley and the whole of the parish of Knightwick and Doddenham, and so satisfies section 61G (3) of the Act

This area is appropriate to be designated a neighbourhood area because:

- The parishes are contiguous and share a common landscape formed of scattered settlements along part of the long partially-wooded ridge between the Malvern Hills and Abberley Hill leading down to the River Teme.
- The population of the two parishes share many common retail and public services including both primary and secondary schools.
- The two parishes face common challenges, including the need to provide appropriate affordable accommodation, to maintain local employment opportunities, and to protect a high quality rural environment in the face of pressures for development.



Martley 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.

Please contact me if additional information is required.

Yours sincerely

Janet Dale  
Clerk & RFO

Authorisation to act in relation to Neighbourhood Area

This application is made by Martley Parish Council who have agreed to be the lead or named Parish in taking forward the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Section 61F(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows for neighbourhood development plan areas to be designated which include the whole or any part of another parish council with those parishes' consent.

This consent has been given by both Martley Parish Council (at its Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012) and Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council (at its Parish Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013).

At its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013, Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council agreed (minutes of meeting to be confirmed on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013) to submit a joint application with Martley Parish Council for the designation of a neighbourhood area in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council also agreed that the application be made by Martley Parish Council, which has agreed to be the lead or named parish in taking forward this neighbourhood development plan.