## Brown Edge Parish Council

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15th September, 2015

Dear Mr. Weaver,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012
Application for Designation of Neighbourhood Area
Brown Edge Parish Council

I am writing to request the designation of a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61 of the above Act.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at the Brown Edge Parish Council meeting it was resolved to apply for designation of the whole of Brown Edge Parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing the Brown Edge Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Section 61G (4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that in determining the application the local authority "must have regard to the desirability the whole area of a Parish Council as the neighbourhood area".

The Parish Council considers that it is appropriate and desirable to designate the whole of Brown Edge Parish as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

 Brown Edge Parish comprises the village of Brown Edge and the settlements of Hill Top, Hodgefield, Ladymoor, Sands Lane, Woodhouse, Tongue Lane, Judgefield Lane, Greenway Bank. These settlements form a Community Cluster set in open countryside. 2. The Parish Council has canvassed parishioners on the proposal for a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish through the Village Church Monthly Magazine, 2007, 2014 and 2015 Village Surveys, which have been distributed to all of the 1200 properties within the Parish Council boundary. This has been discussed at three recent open Parish Council Meetings and one open explanatory meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and has received no adverse comments about proceeding.

Brown Edge Parish Council is a 'relevant body' within the terms of Section 61G(2)(a) of the above Act.

A copy of a plan showing the boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area is attached.

I look forward hearing from you in the near future to establish what support is available to move the Neighbourhood Plan forward into the next stage.

Yours sincerely

Mr. J. Bourne, Clerk to Brown Edge, Parish Council.

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