

# Biddulph Town Council



23 November 2015

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Dear Mr Larner

## **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

### **The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

### **Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area**

### **Biddulph Town Council**

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

On Tuesday 10 November 2015 at Biddulph Town Council's Planning Committee meeting it was Resolved to apply for designation of the whole of the Biddulph Parish area as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing a Biddulph Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Minutes of this meeting were then approved at the meeting of the Biddulph Town Council on Tuesday 17 November 2015.

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

The Town Council considers that it is appropriate and desirable to designate the whole of the Biddulph parish as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

1. Biddulph Parish comprises the five wards of Biddulph; namely Biddulph Moor, Biddulph North ward, Biddulph West ward, Biddulph East ward and Biddulph South ward. The



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Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan area will not cross parish boundaries into neighbouring parishes.

2. The Town Council has canvassed parishioners on the proposal to develop a Neighbourhood Plan by holding well attended and publicised public meetings in each ward on the following dates: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 (Brown Lees, West Ward); 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (Knypersley, South Ward); 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 (Biddulph Moor Ward); 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (Biddulph North Ward) and one is arranged for 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 (Biddulph East and town centre). The Chairman of the Town Council's Planning Committee has also written several letters to the local press, which have been reported as articles to announce this intention by the Town Council. No adverse comments have been received from parishioners.

Biddulph Town 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 forwards to hearing from you in the near future to establish what support is available to move the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan forwards to the next stage.

Yours sincerely

K S Thacker  
CHIEF OFFICER

Enc: Biddulph Parish Map

cc Mr R Weaver, Head of Planning and Regulatory Services