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Dear Sirs,

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

Stoke Poges Parish Council wish to apply for the designation of the Parish of Stoke Poges as a Neighbourhood Area with the intention to develop a Neighbourhood Plan as defined by the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. This was approved at our last Parish Council meeting on 7 December 2020. Stoke Poges Parish Council is a relevant body as defined by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 section 61G. The Neighbourhood Area is to incorporate the whole of the parish area (map attached). It is the Parish Councils intention to keep the Planning Authority updated on the Neighbourhood Plans progression throughout the process.

Statement in Support of a Neighbourhood Area

The Parish of Stoke Poges comprises of one community that is split by the B416. The eastern part of the village borders the Parish of Wexham. Both the eastern side and the western side have separate recreational areas. The main centre of the village is on the western side where our village school, shops, doctor's surgery and Churches are located. The whole of Stoke Poges is bounded by Green Belt which clearly defines our Parish boundary. We are in close proximity to Slough who wish to expand into the Green Belt of Stoke Poges. It is therefore necessary to address our own housing needs ahead of Sloughs.

Stoke Poges Parish Council, in line with many other semi-rural Parishes in Buckinghamshire provide essential services for its residents by providing two recreational areas with play equipment and outside gym apparatus, allotments, bus shelters, weed killing and maintenance of some verges, maintenance of limited street lighting and a community pavilion.

With Buckinghamshire Council withdrawing the proposed Local Plan for South Bucks we deem it appropriate that Stoke Poges is designated as a Neighbourhood Area in order to work with residents to develop a plan that best suits its existing demographic as well as its emerging population.

Yours faithfully

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