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Dear Mr Beckford

7<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Re: Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area**

Taplow Parish Council wish to apply for the designation of the parish of Taplow as a Neighbourhood Area with the intention to develop a Neighbourhood Plan as defined by the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Taplow 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 enclosed).

**Supporting Statement**

Taplow parish has an ancient history and well developed sense of local identity focussing on the village of Taplow. The Parish Council does not wish to extend the area proposed for designation as a Neighbourhood Area beyond the parish boundary as it considers that other more appropriate bodies exist to cover areas outside the parish boundary.

There is no justification to exclude any part of the parish from the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan since to do so would disenfranchise those residents of the parish who live in any excluded area.

Taplow Parish Council represents the needs views and requirements of all residents within the parish.

In the past the Parish Council has developed a Parish Plan. It manages the Parish Council's assets – mainly the Village Green and Halls and street lighting – on behalf of residents and supports many local organisations.

As such the Parish Council considers that it is appropriate for the Parish of Taplow to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area enabling the Parish Council to work with parish residents and other stakeholders to develop a Neighbourhood Plan that satisfies local needs particularly in the light of a number of challenges facing the parish in particular district housing needs included in the emerging local plan and the imminent arrival of Crossrail.

A Neighbourhood Plan working party has been set up and formally approved by the Parish Council to be its authorised body for the creation of a draft Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. The application for designation was approved at the Parish Council meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

The Parish Council will display an appropriate public notice on all parish noticeboards and on its website and notification will be sent to the press.

Kindly confirm receipt and advise on the next steps.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs K H Holder, Clerk