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Dear Charlotte

References:

- A. AVDC Forward Plans letter dated 14 May 2012.
- B. Great Horwood Parish Council letter to AVDC Forward Plans dated 1 May 2012.
- C. Campaign to Protect Rural England in partnership with NALC document "How to shape where you live: a guide to neighbourhood planning" dated December 2011.

PARISH OF GREAT HORWOOD - SUBMISSION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Thank you for your letter at Reference A in response to our letter at Reference B, which asked us to re-submit our letter with additional information. This letter is therefore a formal re-submission from Great Horwood Parish Council for a Neighbourhood Area. The Neighbourhood Area will be coincident with the existing Great Horwood Parish boundary because this is the logical choice of area to include the village of Great Horwood, the attendant hamlet of Singleborough and the local surroundings and environment, account of which must be taken in providing a holistic and sustainable Neighbourhood Plan. It is not deemed appropriate to establish a different area from that of the existing parish because an all-inclusive and sustainable Plan for the parish of Great Horwood must cover all its features and environment.

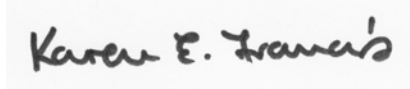
The area which is the subject of this application is considered appropriate for designation as a Neighbourhood Area because it consists of the whole of the area of the council in accordance with section 61G(3)(a). Great Horwood Parish Council under its role as a formal parish council constitutes the first tier of local government, with discretionary powers and rights laid down by Parliament to represent its local communities and provide services for them. It is also in accordance with the extant guidance at Reference C page 9, 'in areas where a parish or town council exists, these are the only bodies that can prepare a Neighbourhood Plan'.

Great Horwood Parish Council, as Applicant for the designation of this Neighbourhood Area, is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Neighbourhood Area which is intended to be used for the Neighbourhood Plan is depicted with a dark black boundary line on the map bounded by a red line at Annex A and does not include land from any adjoining parishes.

To support the neighbourhood planning process a Great Horwood Neighbourhood Planning Team has been established with Terms of Reference approved by the Great Horwood Parish Council and lodged

on its website. The intention is for the Planning Team to produce a detailed Neighbourhood Plan which identifies land use allocations rather than one that only consists of policies. Both the Planning Team and the Parish Council look forward to working in close cooperation with AVDC Forward Plans during the process to develop this document and the attendant Sustainability Appraisal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen E. Francis". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light grey rectangular box.

Karen Francis
Clerk to Great Horwood Parish Council

