STAGSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Our ref: SPC/KJB 23 July 2015

Bedford Borough Council Borough Hall Cauldwell Street Bedford MK42 9AP

For the attention of Mr P Rowland

Dear Mr Rowland

Re: Stagsden Neighbourhood Development Plan

On 20 July 2015 Stagsden Parish Council resolved to apply to Bedford Borough Council to designate Stagsden as a Neighbourhood Area. Minutes 20 July 2015, minute 16/15 (c).

Pursant to this resolution, and sections 61F and 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (the Act) and regulation 5 of Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations), we hereby formally apply to Bedford Borough Council for the designation of the whole of this parish as a Neighbourhood Area. Please find enclosed a map showing the area of the Parish of Stagsden applied for outlined in red.

In accordance with regulation 5(b) we assert that it is desirable that the whole of Stagsden be designated as a Neighbourhood Area so that a more integrated approach to planning at the neighbourhood level can be achieved.

In accordance with regulation 5(c) we assert that Stagsden Parish Council is the relevant body for the purposes of S61G of the Act.

Having regard to *inter alia* S61G (3)(a) of the Act we believe the area applied for has not been already designated as a Neighbourhood Area and that the areas applied for by Stagsden and neighbouring parishes do not overlap.

We look forward to receiving your formal approval of this application in due course, and to working with the Borough Council to help shape the future of Stagsden.

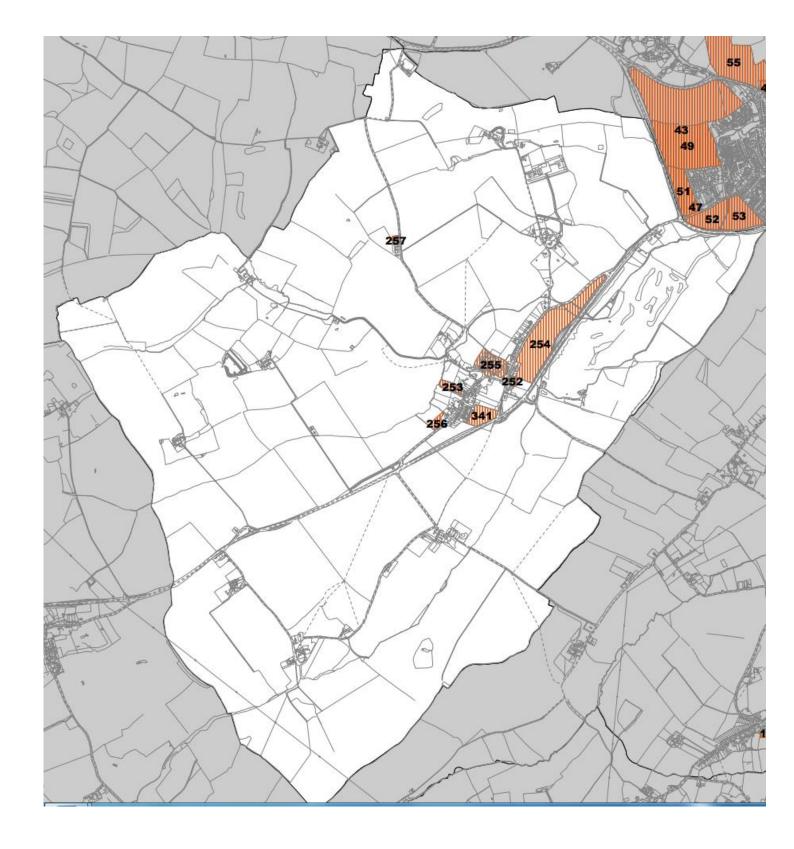
Yours sincerely

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