



Pertenhall & Swineshead Parish Council

Planning Department
Bedford Borough Council
Borough Hall
Cauldwell Street
Bedford
MK42 9AP

31st March 2017

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: *Pertenhall & Swineshead Parish Council - Application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area*

At its meeting on 15 March 2017, the Parish Council agreed to proceed with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan and to apply to Bedford Borough for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area.

The Neighbourhood Area is to encompass the area of the Parish Council, as shown on the attached Plan, being the combined civil parishes of Pertenhall and Swineshead.

This area is considered appropriate because:

- a) it comprises the administrative area of the Parish Council;
- b) public meetings have been held in both Pertenhall and Swineshead and there has been general agreement that a single Neighbourhood Plan should be prepared for the area of the parish, addressing planning issues shared by the two communities and incorporating discrete policy statements for each village as their different characters make necessary.

Under section 61G(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Parish Council is the relevant body to make this application. The Parish Council will lead the process of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan, working closely with parishioners through a Steering Group reflecting the range of local interests together with ad hoc working groups.

We look forward to receiving your approval of this application in due course.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Robins', written in a cursive style.

Mrs D Robins, CiLCA
Clerk/RFO

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