Sharnbrook Parish Council

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

Dear Sirs

The Parish Council, at its meeting on 20th June 2017, resolved to apply to Bedford Borough Council to designate Sharnbrook as a Neighbourhood Area. Minute 3/EGM/20/5/17 of the meeting held on 20th June 2017 refers.

Pursuant to this resolution, and Sections 61F and 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (the Act) and Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations), the Parish Council 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 Sharnbrook applied for, outlined in red.

In accordance with Regulation 5(b), the Parish Council assert that it is desirable that the whole of Sharnbrook 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), the Parish Council assert that Sharnbrook Parish Council is the relevant body for the purpose of Section 61G of the Act.

Having regard to *inter alia* Section 61G (3)(a) of the Act, the Parish Council believe the area applied for has not been already designated as a Neighbourhood Area and that the areas applied for by Sharnbrook and neighbouring parishes do not overlap.

The Parish Council looks forward to receiving your formal approval of this application in due course and to working with the Borough Council to shape the future of Sharnbrook.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Glanville Clerk On behalf of Sharnbrook Parish Council