Berkswell Parish Council

Clerk to Berkswell Parish Council – Mr Richard Wilson PO Box 6379, Coventry CV6 9LP

Mr Gary Palmer Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council The Council House, Manor Square Solihull B91 3QB

17 March 2017

Dear Mr Palmer,

Request to designate the Parish of Berkswell as a Neighbourhood Area

I am writing to apply for designation of the Parish of Berkswell as a Neighbourhood Area under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Berkswell Parish Council is a relevant body to make this application for the purposes of 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Berkswell Parish Council is established in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1972.

- The Berkswell Neighbourhood Plan is being developed to help deliver the local community's ambitions and needs for the plan period 2018 to 2033.
- The Plan will provide a vehicle to guide, promote and enable balanced and sustainable change and growth within the designated area.
- The designated area includes the whole of the civil Parish of Berkswell. which provides a manageable planning area
- The part of Berkswell Parish that is within Balsall Common and that part which comprises the rural areas, are strongly culturally and practically linked through community organisations, schools and facilities
- We aim to liaise with our sister Council, Balsall Parish, to try to ensure that the plans for both Parishes are compatible.

Berkswell Parish Council resolved at its meeting on 16th March 2017 to apply for designation of the Parish for an Neighbourhood Area and to establish a committee to develop the Development Plan.

We note that in Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) (as amended), revised 16 November 2016, that in certain circumstances, the local planning authority must designate all of the area applied for. These circumstances apply in this instance where a Parish council applies for the whole of their Parish to be designated.

Appendix 1 to this letter contains a map showing the application area for the Neighbourhood Area.

Yours sincerely

Richard Wilson

Richard Wilson (Clerk to Berkswell Parish Council)

Berkswell Parish Neighbourhood Application Area showing boundary with adjacent areas

