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20 February 2014

For the attention of: Mrs C Eggington  
Principal Plans Development Officer  
Lichfield District Council  
District Council House, Frog Lane  
Lichfield, Staffs  
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Dear Sirs

**Application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area – Hammerwich Parish**

Hammerwich Parish Council resolved at its meeting of 19 February 2014 to develop a Neighbourhood Plan and wishes to make an application for designation as a neighbourhood area.

The Council believes that it should make the application for the whole of the existing civil parish. The Council is aware of plans in preparation by Shenstone, Wall and Burntwood and, in the case of Shenstone that it is applying for each of its ward as a neighbourhood area. However, Shenstone's three wards each have community and commercial centres which Hammerwich does not.

Although its wards may be disparate, the council believes that an application for designation as a Neighbourhood Area for the whole parish is important to provide a sense of community for residents, whether village, rural or suburban and offer them all a chance to make their opinions known.

The finding of the Staffordshire Hoard in Hammerwich generated a huge amount of local interest and pride across all parts of the parish and is celebrated by specially designed boundary markers around the whole parish, reinforcing a parish identity

The Council has initiated a steering group and will consult with all stakeholders to establish the aspirations of the community which will inform the eventual plan.

The Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act and requests that Lichfield District Council designates Hammerwich Parish as a Neighbourhood Area. A map detailing the parish boundary is enclosed.

Yours faithfully



Viv Evans (Mrs)  
Hammerwich Parish Clerk