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23rd November 2015

Dear Mr Richardson

Application for Designation of Waltham Abbey Neighbourhood Area

I am writing to apply for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and in accordance with Part 2(5) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

We would like to designate the whole of the civil Parish. A map showing the Parish boundary is attached. I can also confirm that the Town Council is a relevant body within the scope of Section 61G (2) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

The Town Council considers the Parish is an appropriate area to be designated as a neighbourhood area because:

- (i) The Parish is a long established, recognised and a clearly defined area. The town and its environs have been mutually supportive for hundreds of years. It has clearly defined boundaries to the west and to the south being county and district boundaries, as well as other parish councils to the north and east. Waltham Abbey has a very strong community identity. Because of its history and its geographical location, the town has always been separated from other locales within the district. As a charter market town, the community is exceptionally proud of the town's history, heritage and its green open spaces.
- (ii) The Town Council as an elected statutory body has a clear mandate to speak and act on behalf of all residents of the area;
- (iii) The Town Council is committed to ensuring that any future development within the parish reflects both the aspirations of the community and the economic well-being of the Town whilst at the same time preserving the area's unique character.

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Statements in fulfilment of Section 61G of the Act:

- a) No part of the proposed Neighbourhood Area overlaps any part of any other Neighbourhood Area (in fulfilment of Section 61G(7) of the Act).
- b) No part of the proposed Neighbourhood Area consists of or includes the whole or any part of the area of another parish (in fulfilment of Section 61G(3)(b) of the Act).

On behalf of Waltham Abbey Town Council, I look forward to the Council's designation of the Neighbourhood Area once statutory consultation procedures have been met.

Yours sincerely,

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