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21<sup>st</sup> August, 2013

Dear Mr. Ford,

*Localism Act 2011 (Schedule 9)*  
*Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Sections 61F and 61G)*  
*Neighbourhood Planning General Regulations 2012*

Broadway Parish Council has given its unanimous support for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. The decision to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan followed two open public meetings when villagers gave their approval for a community approach to the future of their village, and this letter is an official application for the adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan for Broadway Village.

Under Section 62G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 the Parish Council is a relevant body to make such an application for the purpose of Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). The Parish Council will be working with the support of the Broadway Trust and the Save Broadway Campaign, and the objective is to research, discuss and develop a Neighbourhood Plan which truly reflects the needs of the community over the next five years.

The proposed neighbourhood area, as shown on the enclosed map, covers the administrative boundaries of Broadway Parish Council. There are no known overlaps with any other relevant organisations or bodies promoting other neighbourhood areas and it is confirmed, therefore, that the proposed neighbourhood area shown is considered to be appropriate and justified, and that Broadway Parish Council is considered to be a 'relevant body' for the purposes of the application.

In line with the requirements of the Localism Act the initial outline proposal for funding and approval to develop a Plan in full is enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely,

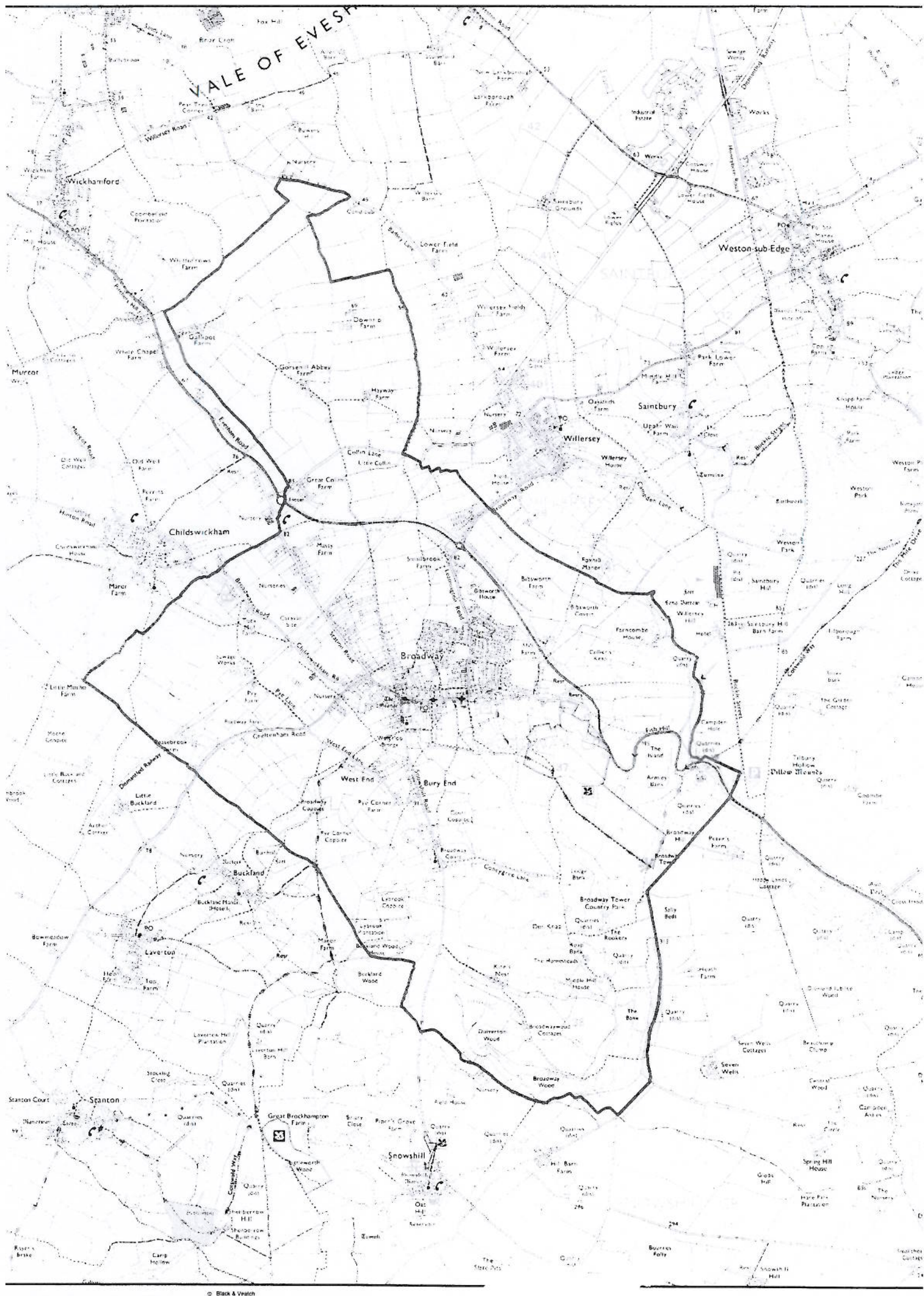


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**In this proposal:**

1. Broadway Parish Council – Official Application to Adopt a Neighbourhood Plan
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  3. The boundary/area scope the Neighbourhood Plan is to encompass – Map attached.
  4. The Organisations involved – management group
  5. An outline of the proposed Plan content – to be refined
  6. Proposed steps
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**1. Broadway Parish Council – Official Application to Adopt a Neighbourhood Plan.**

The Localism Act received Royal Assent on November 15 2011. It introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare neighbourhood plans.

Broadway Parish Council, together with the Save Broadway Campaign and Broadway Trust, have taken the first steps towards the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, namely open meetings to gain support from residents for a Neighbourhood Plan where they can have their say about their community. The motion was fully supported.

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**2. Why a Neighbourhood Plan is appropriate for Broadway Village**

The Government's proposed changes to the planning system, in conjunction with the Localism Act, will provide local communities with the opportunity to re-examine their own local development requirements in terms of housing and other land uses.

Broadway is an iconic Cotswold village with a worldwide following and visitor base. The village, like many other communities, is under threat from proposed development; development which could change the face of the community and not reflect local requirements.

Broadway residents care about their community. They care enough to have formed and support a campaign that is working to give local people a greater say in the future of their village. This "Save Broadway" campaign works closely with the long-established and highly respected Broadway Trust.

Like any forward-looking community, Broadway is not against development or change. It is against inappropriate development that does not reflect the needs of the community.

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**3. The Boundary/area scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.**

The proposed area of the Neighbourhood Plan is that of the Broadway Parish Council.

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**4. The Organisations involved.**

The proposed plan will involve the whole community, residents and business. An initial working group has been set up to take the plan forward. That group comprises:

Broadway Parish Council  
Broadway Trust  
Save Broadway Group

Representatives from other groups and businesses are being approached.

The final group will comprise of people with appropriate skills, time and commitment.

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**5. Outline of proposed Plan content.**

Work has already started on identified content. The final working group, together with the Wychavon representative, will refine content in line with strategic requirements. The Broadway Parish Plan of 2005-2006 and the Broadway Village Design Statement of 2008 will provide a baseline from which to develop.

The following steps have been identified as essential criteria for the final content:

- Gather together relevant information – it will be important for the community to build up a picture of their area. This could involve:
  - I. collating statistical information;
  - II. identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the neighbourhood area;
  - III. identifying community assets that are within the neighbourhood area;
  - IV. compiling pictures; or reviewing existing plans and strategies.All will help in the development of the neighbourhood plan.
- Draft the vision & objectives – developing a vision and objectives for the neighbourhood area will be an important first step in preparing the neighbourhood plan. The vision will define how the community sees the future whilst the objectives will set out what the community wants to achieve in order to help realise the vision. As the neighbourhood plan will be part of the statutory plan for the district, it might be appropriate for the timeframe of the vision to coincide with the time period for the local plan.
- It is understood that the neighbourhood plan may propose more development for its area than envisaged under the local plan, but cannot be used as a way of trying to resist development which is included in the local plan.
- Once a draft vision has been drafted it will be checked against the strategic policies for the area and for the community to make their comments before further work is carried out on the plan. Once comments have been received, amendments can be made and work on the neighbourhood plan itself be progressed.
- Content to be reviewed will include
  - Planning and regeneration matters – social, economic and environmental.
  - Infrastructure -
  - Affordable / social housing needs

- Schools
  - Transport
  - Health Social welfare /elderly
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**6. Proposed Steps**

The immediate concern is approval to progress the proposal Plan.

Assumptions –

- Outline proposal to Wychavon Planning
- Six week open consultation period
- To Planning for final approval
- Provisional working group set up
- Set / confirm visions / objectives
- Review all existing content / policies etc
- Consult with all identified groups
- Confirm outline content
- Identified necessary expert advisers
- Cost outline programme
- Realign programme/ findings to meet objectives