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Mr A. Ford, Senior Planning Officer, Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore. WR10 1PT PLANNING SERVICES

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Dear Mr Ford,

Neighbourhood Plan - Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

In accordance with the provisions of the relevant legislation [the "Neighbourhood Planning" (General) Regulations 2012, Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Schedule 9 "Neighbourhood Planning" of the Localism Act 2011], Eckington Parish Council hereby submit this application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area to Wychavon District Council.

Please find attached a map of Eckington Parish identifying the area to which this application applies.

We confirm that Eckington Parish Council is considered a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to make an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area and that the Parish Council at its meeting on 9th September 2014 formally approved the development of a neighbourhood Plan. This agenda item followed an open public meeting where villagers gave their unanimous approval for a community led approach and involvement in the future of their community.

Eckington Parish covers a sizable area but the majority of homes are concentrated around Holy Trinity Church, Church Street and adjacent roads to the East and West of the B4080. The Parish of Eckington is largely comprised of domestic properties but a sizable commercial development (Deer Park) is established at Woollas Hall Farm on the Eastern boundary of the Parish. So as to provide and include all residents and commercial interests it is therefore considered appropriate to designate the whole Parish of Eckington as the Neighbourhood Area.

A Steering Group, comprising Parish Councillors and residents has been established to progress the plan and all residents of the parish will be invited to participate in creating the Neighbourhood Plan for Eckington.

