



LOGGERHEADS PARISH COUNCIL

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26th June 2015

Dear Mr Benson,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 61G
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 – SECTION 38(6)
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REGULATIONS 2012

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA
LOGGERHEADS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

On 30th March I submitted an application for designation of a neighbourhood area under Section 61 of the above Act. Following feedback from the consultation exercise that was carried out by the Borough Council as part of the designation process the Parish Council has reviewed their application. I now wish to withdraw this previous application and am writing to submit a new application.

On Thursday 25th June 2015 at the Loggerheads Parish Council meeting it was resolved to apply for designation of the whole of Loggerheads Parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing the Loggerheads Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Section 61G (4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that in determining the application the local authority “must have regard to the desirability the whole area of a Parish Council as the neighbourhood area”.

The Parish Council considers that it is appropriate and desirable to designate the whole of Loggerheads Parish as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

1. the parish comprises the villages of Ashley and Loggerheads which forms the main settlement cluster within the parish, with smaller settlements in Knighton, Hales, Mucklestone and Tryley.
 - The remainder of the land within the parish boundary is open countryside with

some areas protected as a Conservation Area, Site of Special Scientific Interest and protected woodland and an area that is included in the Staffordshire County Council Minerals Local Plan.

2. The Parish Council has canvassed parishioners on the proposal for a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish through the bi-monthly Newsletter, which is distributed to all of the 2,400 properties within the Parish Council boundary and has received no adverse comments about proceeding.

The Parish Council understands that work is currently under way on the preparation of a new Development Plan to cover both Stoke on Trent City Council and Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council and that this will in due course, constitute the Development Plan for the purposes of Section 38(6) of the 2004 Act.

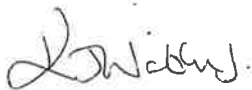
The intention of the Parish Council will be to seek conformity with the current Development Plan and any updates which may be accepted during a review/update of the Development Plan. This will need to be done in such a way as to ensure that any development considered necessary will benefit the parish and its residents and will have objectives expressed through firm contractual arrangements in anticipation of necessary physical and social infrastructure and facilities.

Loggerheads Parish Council is a 'relevant body' within the terms of Section 61G(2)(a) of the above Act.

A copy of a plan showing the boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area is attached.

I look forward hearing from you in the near future to establish what support is available to move the Neighbourhood Plan forward into the next stage.

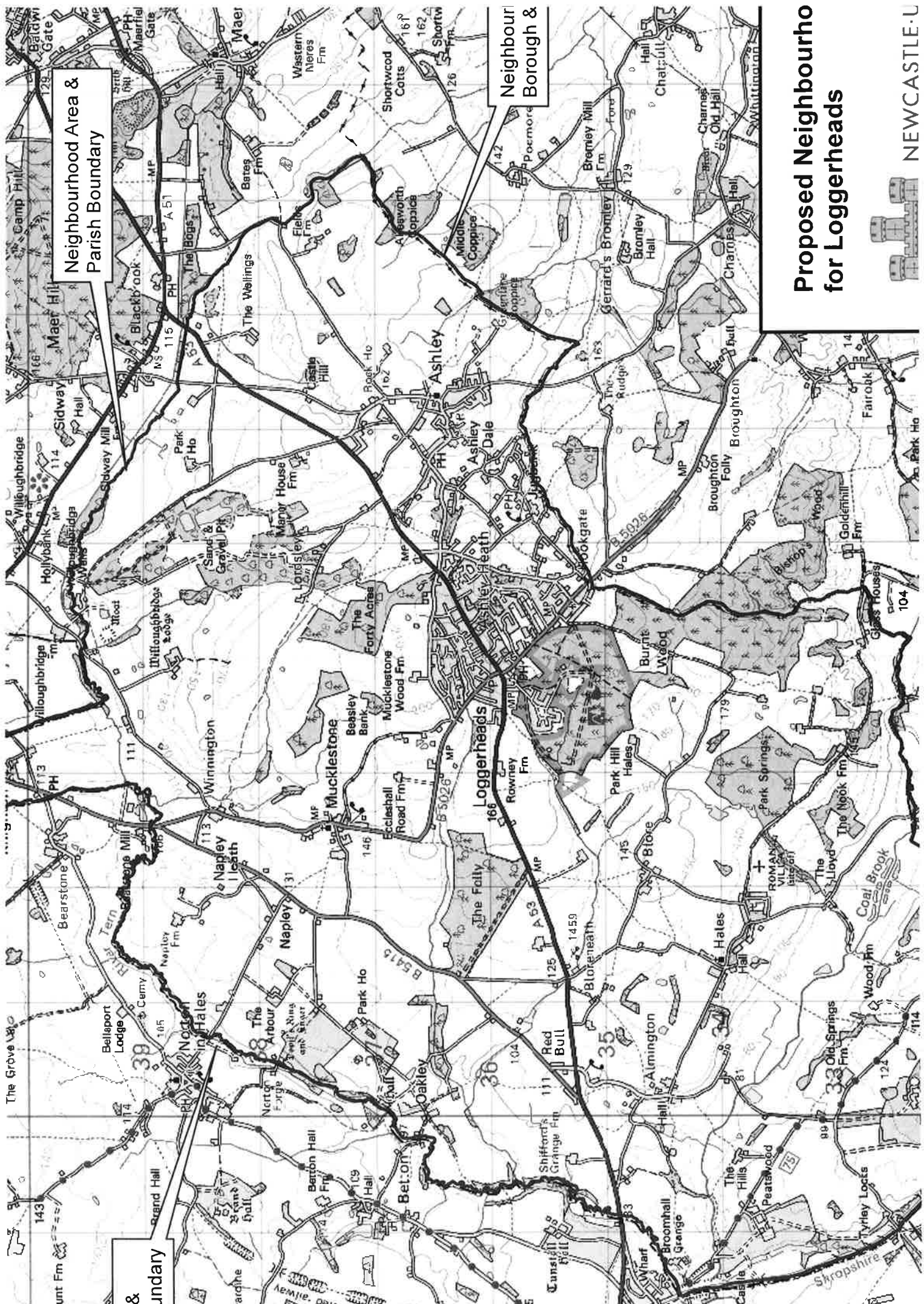
Yours sincerely,



Karen Watkins, MBE
Clerk, Loggerheads Parish Council

Enc. Map showing proposed designated area

cc. Cllr D Loades and Cllr P Northcott



Neighbourhood Area & Parish Boundary

Neighbourhood Boundary

Neighbourhood Boundary

Proposed Neighbourhoods for Loggerheads



