

# Winkleigh Parish Council

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26<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Mr Green

**Re: Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2013:  
Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area: Winkleigh Civil Parish**

Under the relevant legislation, as set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Winkleigh Parish Council, being a “relevant body” as defined in Section 61(G) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, wishes to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

As required by Regulation 5 of the Regulations, this Application for Designation of Neighbourhood Area is accompanied by the following:

- A map which identifies the area to which the area application relates;
- A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area;
- A statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act.

We consider the defined area to be appropriate for designation for the following reasons:

- i) The area for which designation is sought covers the entire administrative area of Winkleigh Civil Parish.
- ii) The defined area has an existing sense of community which the Parish Council wishes to nurture and cultivate by creating a Neighbourhood Plan to meet the present and future needs of residents, businesses and organisations in a way

that conserves and enhances the environment whilst ensuring community safety. A Neighbourhood Plan will build on the vision for sustainable development set out in the Community Led Plan (published October 2014). It will also include elements of the Village Design Statement (published November 2016).

- iii) In the interests of balance, the Parish wish to emphasise and support the suitable and sustainable development of the Old Airfield as the designated and most appropriate area for industrial development to support the local economy, thus reducing the industrialisation of the countryside which will support the well established tourist businesses in the area.
- iv) The Parish Council will work alongside Torridge District Council (which has a “duty to support”), residents and stakeholders as it has done in producing both a Community Led Plan (2014), Housing Needs Survey (2015) and an updated Village Design Statement (2016) as well as consultation of the emerging North Devon and Torridge Local Plan (2011-2031).

For the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act this letter is our statement.

Yours sincerely,

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