

11 May 2015

Principal Development Plans Officer Lichfield District Council District Council House Frog Lane Lichfield WS13 6YE

Dear Sirs

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA AND TO UNDERTAKE A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Elford Parish Council, at its 11 May 2015 meeting, has resolved that the Parish Council should apply to Lichfield District Council to request that the Parish of Elford be designated a Neighbourhood Area.

Accordingly, as a Parish Council and relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act, we enclose a map identifying the Parish of Elford, which we believe is an area appropriate to be designated a Neighbourhood Area.

The Parish Council have given considerable thought to the various issues that principally the village of Elford will face in the coming years. We have an active Parish Council that wishes to deal with these issues and opportunities in a proactive, comprehensive and inclusive manner. We wish to provide the residents of the Parish with the opportunity to identify the requirements and importantly the services and facilities that need to be provided, and safeguarded, to ensure existing residents and future generations are secured.

We wish to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan that gives careful and proper consideration to the following:

- i. The Primary School
- ii. Bus services within the village
- iii. Play areas and space for young children
- iv. New play and recreational opportunities for older children
- v. Safeguarding existing clubs and societies in the village and providing opportunities for new and improved access and facilities
- vi. Reducing traffic through the village
- vii. Addressing housing concerns in the village

This is not an exhaustive list, but a list we intend to vigorously test and explore to ensure we safeguard the future of our village.

Elford Parish Council believes the Parish is a defined community with its own specific issues and therefore it is appropriate for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

We therefore look forward to receiving confirmation that the Parish Council can commence the appropriate process.

Yours faithfully

Richard Wain

Chairman - Elford Parish Council