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Dear Clare

Re: Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

At the City Council meeting held on 23 July 2013 it was resolved that the City Council should apply to Lichfield District Council to request that the civil parish of Lichfield be designated a Neighbourhood Area. The City Council believes that the development of a Neighbourhood Plan through consultation with residents and other interested parties is appropriate for providing for the needs of the Lichfield City community.

The City Council is a parish council and accordingly is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning 1990 Act. I enclose a map identifying the civil parish of Lichfield which the Council believes is an area appropriate to be designated a Neighbourhood Area. The civil parish of Lichfield is predominately urban. It is the main settlement within Lichfield District and forms a cohesive community area. The boundary of the parish is well established having remained unchanged for over 30 years.

The Council is proposing to produce a theme-based Plan which will be based on employment and economic issues, possibly including a 'city centre strategy'. The Plan could include other matters.

In May this year the Council invited 25 local organisations to comment on the Council's outline proposal for a city-wide theme-based Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Clerk has also spoken to local businesses at a "Town Team" meeting, and the issue has been twice discussed at the Lichfield City Forum. Responses have been generally supportive of the proposal, and at the Annual Town Meeting for local electors held on 22 May it was resolved that:

"The meeting believes that Lichfield City Council should draw up a Neighbourhood Plan covering the entire area of the parish, and that it should consult widely on this to assist in the development of supplementary planning policies appropriate to the character of our parish."

Yours sincerely Peter Young Town Clerk Document3