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Strategic Lead

Forest of Dean District Council

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28 March 2013

Dear Peter



Re Coleford Town Council Neighbourhood Development Plan

Coleford Town Council, being a 'relevant body' as required by legislation under Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, formally applies for the Parish of Coleford to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, with the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and/or Neighbourhood Development Order. A resolution to make this application was passed at the Coleford Town Council meeting of Tuesday 26 March 2013

We confirm that as a Town Council, accountable to the community that it serves, Coleford Town Council is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act (inserted by paragraph 2 of Schedule 9 to the Localism Act 2011).

The Neighbourhood Area defined by the Town Council is the whole of the civil parish of Coleford as outlined on the attached Parish map.

We consider the defined area to be an appropriate area for designation as a Neighbourhood Area for the following reasons:

- 1. The area defined is covered by Coleford Town Council in its entirety. The Neighbourhood Area will sit comfortably with the electorate. Also, the existing sense of community that currently exists can continue to be built upon as the Plan is created.
- 2. The area defined has been the subject of community-led planning exercise involving local consultation, including the town healthcheck produced in 2005.
- 3. The Town Council works actively to include residents and stakeholders from all parts of the Parish. The extensive community consultation already undertaken through previous plans and ongoing community work will be of great use in developing the Neighbourhood Development Plan.



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We envisage that the NDP will address economic needs such as town centre regeneration, employment facilities and opportunities. It will also aim to address housing and infrastructure needs (facilities and services), linked with growth and the future needs of the community. Design and character of development and relationship with landscape character and setting will feature in the plan. The NDP will be based on issues and opportunities brought forward during early research and consultation with the community.

We understand that Forest of Dean District Council will contact us immediately if they have any queries about this application and that the application will be advertised by Forest of Dean District Council for 6 weeks prior to the approval decision. Please address any communication to me at the Town Council Offices.

Yours sincerely

Annie Lapington Town Clerk

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