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Mr. Barry Wyatt
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Dear Mr. Wyatt,

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area: - Kingswood Parish

Kingswood Parish Council, being a 'relevant body' as required by legislation under Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, formally applies for the Parish 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 by the parish council on 10th February 2014. I enclose a map showing the parish boundary.

We confirm that as a Parish Council, accountable to the community that it serves, Kingswood Parish 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 Parish Council is the whole of the civil parish Kingswood. 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 Kingswood Parish 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 Neighbourhood Plan is created.
2. The area defined was the subject of a community-led planning exercise, involving local consultation, namely the Parish Plan which was produced in 2010 – This is available to view on the parish website. The parish plan consultations demonstrated that the community wishes to be involved and to help shape the future for the community of

Kingswood. Issues raised by this parish plan will be used and developed in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

3. The Parish Council works actively to include residents and stakeholders from all parts of the Parish. The extensive community consultation already undertaken through previous consultations such as the Housing Needs Assessment, the current consultations on the Village Design Statement and Conservation Area Statement will be of great use in developing the Neighbourhood Plan.

We envisage that the NDP will address economic issues such as housing need plus infrastructure requirements (facilities and services) to meet the future needs of the community. The design and character of development and its relationship with landscape character and setting will also feature in the NDP.

We understand that Stroud District Council will contact us immediately with any queries about this application and that the application will be advertised by Stroud District Council for 6 weeks prior to the approval decision. Please address any communication to myself which I will forward to the Councillors.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mary Leonard
Clerk to Kingswood Parish

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