Dear Peter,

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area: Linby

Linby Parish Council, being a ‘relevant body’ as required by legalisation under Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, wishes to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan and formally applies for the Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. We confirm that Linby Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act due to it being a local authority in its own right, bound by statute and accountable to the community that it serves.

The Neighbourhood Area defined by the Parish Council is the whole of the civil parish of Linby as shown 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:

- The area defined is covered in its entirety by Linby Parish Council with Linby village located centrally to the area. The Neighbourhood Area will sit comfortably with electorate reflecting the needs and future requirements of the entire Parish.
- There is a strong sense of community that exists in the Parish and can continue to be built upon as the Plan is developed with the Parish Council working actively with residents and stakeholders from all parts of the Parish.
- Linby is a small conservation village located central to the Neighbourhood Plan area, within the boundary of Gedling Borough Council and bordering Ashfield District Council. Much of the Parish is made up of Greenbelt and Safeguarded Land; two sites have been allocated for development within the safeguarded land - Land north of Papplewick Lane and Top Wighay. The Neighbourhood Development Plan will provide an opportunity for the community of Linby to address the issues that will allow the village to grow coherently and sustainably.
- Joint meetings have been undertaken with Papplewick Parish Council who intends to pursue their own Neighbourhood Development Plan which will include the whole of the Papplewick Parish and will have benefits in terms of coverage and consistency of approach.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Ireland
Chair – Linby PC