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**RE: PROPOSAL TO CREATE A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

DEAR MR MURPHY,

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL FORMALLY REQUESTS THAT THE IW COUNCIL CONSIDERS ITS APPLICATION TO PRODUCE A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND DESIGNATE A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA IN THIS RESPECT.

A PLAN IS ATTACHED SHOWING THE DESIGNATED AREA, WHICH IS IN FACT THE EXISTING GURNARD PARISH.

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL CONSIDERS THE EXISTING PARISH SHOULD SERVE AS THE DESIGNATED AREA BECAUSE:

- THE DESIGNATED NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA FITS PERFECTLY INTO THE EXISTING PARISH BOUNDARY WITH NO CHANGES, AND SO IT DOES NOT IMPINGE ON AREAS OUTSIDE THE PARISH WHICH MIGHT PERHAPS CONFLICT WITH OTHER PARISH PROPOSALS
- THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA WILL SIT VERY COMFORTABLY WITH THE ELECTORATE, AND SO CONTINUING TO BUILD UPON THE EXISTING SENSE OF COMMUNITY THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS IN GURNARD WILL BE MUCH EASIER TO ACHIEVE AS THE COMMUNITY LED PLAN IS CREATED.
- WHILST THE EXISTING PARISH WILL BE FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL PEOPLE IN RESPECT OF THE DESIGNATED AREA THERE ARE ALSO EXISTING, WELL KNOWN AND GEOGRAPHICALLY WELL DEFINED NATURAL "GREEN BUFFERS" BETWEEN NEIGHBOURING PARISHES THAT COINCIDE WITH THE DESIGNATED AREA BOUNDARY.

I SHOULD ADD THAT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP, CURRENTLY COMPRISED OF A GOOD CROSS-SECTION OF THE GURNARD RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND WHICH HAS ALREADY MADE AN INITIAL START ON THE PROCESS, ALSO SUPPORTS THE DESIGNATED AREA BEING THE EXISTING PARISH BOUNDARY.

I CAN ALSO CONFIRM THAT GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP INTEND TO PRODUCE A "STAND-ALONE" NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, RATHER THAN ACCEPT THE KIND AND HELPFUL OFFER OF WENDY PERERA TO HAVE THE RESULTS OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION EXERCISE INCLUDED IN THE MEDINA VALLEY ACTION PLAN.

PLEASE BE SO GOOD AS TO ARRANGE FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THIS PROPOSAL, ALONG WITH THAT OF BRADING TOWN COUNCIL, NEXT MONTH AND KINDLY CONFIRM.

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL CONSIDERS IT FULLY MEETS THE CRITERIA OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REGULATIONS, AND ALSO FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 61G OF THE 1990 TOWN & 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.

YOURS SINCERELY,

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