## **Pirton Parish Council**

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Mr Richard Kelly, Senior Planning Officer NHDC Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Hertfordshire SG6 3JF

Dear Richard,

## **Designation of Neighbourhood Plan Area Application**

Pirton Parish Council would like to formally apply to North Hertfordshire District Council for a Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Following a very well attended public meeting in our village hall on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013, a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group representing the parish council, has been established in Pirton to address this subject, and will follow the requirements and guidance outlined in the Localism Act (2011).

## We submit the following:

- 1. A map identifying the area we would like designated as the Neighbourhood Plan Area. This is the current boundary of the parish of Pirton.
- 2. The Designated Neighbourhood Area is the present boundary and administrative area of Pirton Parish Council, whose Councillors currently represent and serve this area.
- 3. In 2003 Pirton Parish Council compiled and published a Village Design Statement, a copy of which was at that time passed to North Herts District Council.
- 4. In conjunction with the Community Development Agency for Hertfordshire, Pirton Parish Council carried out a Housing Needs Survey which was published in 2010 and the Steering Group will conduct a further such survey in the coming months.
- 5. In 2013 Pirton Parish Council completed and published its Parish Plan, a copy of which was passed to North Herts District Council.

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6. Under the Localism Act (2011) Pirton Parish Council is a Qualified Body to establish a Steering Group leading to the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan; the area submitted consists of the whole area administered by Pirton Parish Council.

We kindly request that you process this application of Pirton Parish Council's Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Yours sincerely

S J Davies - Clerk to Pirton Parish Council