## Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Area Designation Application

This application for neighbourhood area designation is submitted to the North Hertfordshire District Council Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

It is submitted on behalf of the following:

- Barkway Parish Council
- Nuthampstead Parish Meeting

A signed statement of support from each parish is provided in Appendix A to the application.

## Definition of the area to which the application relates

This application relates to the combined administrative area of the two parishes of:

- Barkway Parish Council
- Nuthampstead Parish Meeting

A map showing the boundary is provided in Appendix B to the application.

Justification for why the area is considered appropriate for designation as a neighbourhood area

The parishes form a logical area for a Neighbourhood Plan with commonalities across the two parishes. Historically, it was one Parish as demonstrated by the fact that, for Ecclesiastical purposes, it still is.

The area is characterized by two villages, Barkway with 334 dwellings and Nuthampstead with only 50. The area shares similar concerns and interests with regard to being located amidst agricultural fields, with the B1368 bisecting Barkway and being the main access road to Nuthampstead.

The preparation of a neighbourhood development plan for the proposed area will enable the efficient preparation of planning policy which will better address the needs and wishes of the local community and will provide a degree of local distinctiveness with respect to how planning decisions are considered.

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N.H.D.C 2 3 APR 2014 The Parish Council and Parish Meeting support the preparation of a neighbourhood development plan and are actively working with the community to achieve this. A steering group to drive the plan process has been established and a comprehensive Questionnaire has been designed answerable either online or on hard copy. Barkway is spearheading the application and subsequent preparation of the plan, as it has c.six times as many houses as Nuthampstead.

## The legal entitlement to make this application

Barkway Parish Council and Nuthampstead Parish Meeting constitute 'relevant bodies' for the purpose of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The specified area applied for consists of and only includes the combined administrative area of these relevant bodies.

Appendix A.: Statement of Support

We confirm that we support this application for designation of a neighbourhood area.

Name:

Steve Alsop

Position

Chairman:

Barkway Parish Council

Signature P. C. Klw.

Date

15.04.2014.

Sonia Falaschi-Ray, Councillor

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## **NUTHAMPSTEAD PARISH MEETING**

Appendix A:

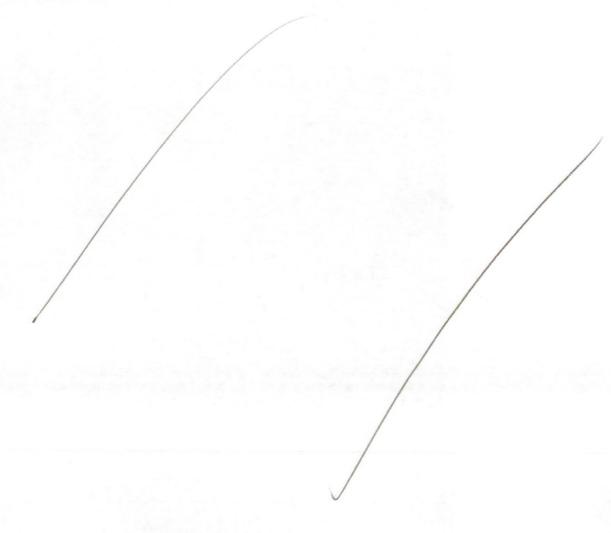
Statement of support for joining Barkway and Nuthampstead into a Designated

Area for a Neighbourhood Plan.

Following consultation with the Residents of Nuthampstead and Barkway, the residents of Nuthampstead request that Nuthampstead should be included in the Designated Area with Barkway for Neighbourhood Plan purposes.

Andrew Grisbrooke, Clerk To the Nuthampstead Parish Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> April 2014



Appendix B.

