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Date 10/10/16

Dear Mr Grainger

**Heslington Parish Council
Application for Designation of Neighbourhood Plan Area**

I have pleasure in enclosing a formal application to permit Heslington Parish Council to commence with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish area as marked on the plan attached together with the detailed Conservation area plan. We look forward to working closely with the relevant officers in your department and we hope to receive a favourable response as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

P Bramley

**Chair
Heslington Parish Council**

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APPLICATION TO CITY OF YORK COUNCIL FOR DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

1. INTRODUCTION

Heslington Parish is situated approximately two miles south of York city centre and currently is partly in the Fulford and Heslington Ward and partly in the Hull Road Ward of City of York Council. It comprises the village of Heslington and surrounding farmland interspersed with a number of farmsteads and individual houses and also includes most of the University of York. The attached plan shows the extent of the area to be included in the plan.

2. STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE TOTAL PARISH AREA IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN APPROPRIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Heslington Parish Council plays an important and active role within the community and its declared objective is to represent effectively all of the people who live within the parish and by engaging with the University of York will be able to also reflect the views of students and staff who live on campus and within the Parish. Consultation carried out to date shows a strong desire from parish residents for a neighbourhood plan. The Parish Council works alongside City of York Council on many matters including road and footpath maintenance and street lighting and is a statutory consultee on planning applications within its area. In the past it has helped to promote the Village Design Statement and the Conservation area which covers a substantial part of the centre of the village. It is represented on the Village Meeting Room committee, the Sportsfield management committee, the University Good Neighbour Group, the University Forum and the local Drainage Board as well as working closely with the local police team on law enforcement. It gives support to numerous village groups and organisations and actively keeps parishioners informed through its website and through newsletters and the village notice board. We see the Neighbourhood Plan as a logical development which is in the best interests of the Parish

3. HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL AS THE RELEVANT BODY

Heslington Parish Council has considerable collective knowledge of its parish area and is the recognised representative body for the parish. It is fully prepared to engage and lead the way forward in establishing a Neighbourhood plan in conjunction with other major stakeholders, members of the local community and the City of York.

4. CONCLUSION

We wish to be formally designated as the relevant body, working with the City of York Council, to produce the Neighbourhood Plan for the whole Parish (Appendix A)

**P Bramley
Chairman
Heslington Parish Council**

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