



## ASHBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

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19<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Dear Mr Hayes,

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Designation of  
Neighbourhood Area Ashbourne Town Council**

I am writing to request the designation of a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61 of the above Act.

On 19th November 2013 Ashbourne Town Council, following advice from the Ashbourne Neighbourhood Steering Group, resolved to apply for designation of the whole of Ashbourne Town Council Parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing the Ashbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Section 61G(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that in determining the application the local authority "must have regard to the desirability the whole area of a Parish Council as the neighbourhood area".

Having sought professional advice, and following extensive discussions with adjacent parishes over the last year, the Town Council considers that it is appropriate to designate the whole of Ashbourne Town Council boundary as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

1. Ashbourne Town Council comprises the town of Ashbourne; a settlement with a population of approximately 8000. The presumption in the Localism Act is that the neighbourhood area comprises the entire parish council area.
2. Ashbourne is designated as a sub area in the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Pre-submission June 2013, Strategic Policy 13, identifying the town as an historic market town serving the rural hinterland, safeguarding the historic character of the settlements within the sub area.
3. The Town Council has considered other options and canvassed people in the town and parishes on the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Town of Ashbourne and surrounding Parishes of Bradley and Osmaston & Yeldersley, undertaking a number of community engagement events. In addition, there has been formal correspondence to seek the participation of the Parish Councils for these areas, on the basis of the neighbourhood area coinciding

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with the Ashbourne Settlement Boundary, identified by Derbyshire Dales District Council (see Annex A). However, through extensive engagement with the adjoining Parishes over the past 11 months we can confirm that they intend to undertake their own respective Neighbourhood Plans and therefore do not wish to be included in the originally proposed Ashbourne Neighbourhood Plan area. As a consequence, we now propose the Ashbourne Town Council boundary, in accordance with the presumption contained in the legislation.

Ashbourne Town Council is a 'relevant body' within the terms of Section 61. A copy of a plan showing the boundary of the proposed neighbourhood plan area is attached.

I look forward hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bull', written in a cursive style.

Cllr Steve Bull  
Chairman  
Ashbourne Town Council

# Ashbourne and District

Neighbourhood Plan  
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Proposed Area

**Parish Boundaries**  
 Surrounding  
 Ashbourne

