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Dear Matthew

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area – Wessington Parish Council

Following on from our conversation and your subsequent email of 3 June 2015 requesting further information regarding the designation of the area within Brackenfield Parish.

You already have a map of the proposed area to which the Wessington Neighbourhood Plan will relate, the parish boundary is outlined in red, and there is an additional area highlighted in green to the North which is within Brackenfield Parish. The Parish Council has resolved that the whole of the Parish and the two fields marked in green should be included within the Neighbourhood Plan, given the size of the parish and the localised issues within the Parish.

The area has been determined through consultation with the local people. A poster size map was displayed and discussed at two key events, namely the village well dressing and a parish council meeting on the 4,5 and 6 July respectively.

It became apparent that the additional area (highlighted in green) should be included because, although it is within Brackenfield Parish, it is proposed to include this area for the following reasons:

The land is owned by the occupants of Roadnook Farm (the farm itself is within Wessington Parish). This land has been used for many years by the people of Wessington for recreational purposes and is locally known as 'the park'. It is the starting point of the main footpath between Wessington and the adjoining villages of Brackenfield and Higham and is directly adjacent to the main concentration of Wessington's Housing.

Brackenfield Parish Council agreed to the inclusion of the area in green on 8 September 2014 and observed that it would be sensible to include the area in green which adjoins part of the housing area of Wessington and would benefit from all discussions and observations of the Wessington Neighbourhood Plan.

Wessington Parish Council considers itself a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act, to apply for designation of the Parish of Wessington as a Neighbourhood Area.

I have previously enclosed a copy of the letter from Brackenfield Parish Council agreeing to our request for inclusion of the two fields from their Parish.

Yours faithfully

Sally Leighton
Clerk to Wessington Parish Council