

Mr Ricardo Rios
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Dear Mr Rios,

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Brimscombe and Thrupp

Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council, being a “relevant body” as required by legislation under Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, formally applies for the parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, with the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and/or Neighbourhood Development Order. A resolution to do this was passed by the parish council at its planning meeting on November 11th, 2015.

We confirm that as a parish council, accountable to the community which it serves, Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act (inserted by paragraph 2 of schedule 9 to the Localism Act 2011). The Neighbourhood Area defined by the parish council is to be the whole of the civil parish of Brimscombe and Thrupp. We consider the defined area to be an appropriate area because it sits comfortably with the electorate, and separate and distinct communities within the parish can all be properly recognised, building on the existing sense of community as the plan is created. The area for designation was also the subject of a Parish Plan produced in 2011 which followed several community consultations and a parish appraisal in 2010. We believe that the NDP would update and build upon residents’ clearly stated desire to shape growth and development in the parish.

Through the NDP, the parish council will consider the economic, social and environmental consequences of development whilst meeting the needs of our community for now and the future. The design and character of development and its relationship with our landscape and setting will also feature in the NDP.

A map showing the boundary of the parish of Minchinhampton is attached.