## WOLVERLEY AND COOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL (Worcestershire) Clerk: Mrs B J Drew, M.AAT

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Dear Helen

Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council: Application for designation as a neighbourhood area (section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Act as applied to Neighbourhood plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004)

Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council as a relevant body for the purposes of preparing a neighbourhood development plan seek designation of part of the parish as a neighbourhood planning area.

The decision to seek designation for part of the Parish was taken by the Parish Council on 1st May 2018.

That area for designation is shown on the attached map. This includes Cookley, the largest settlement in the parish, and one of the larger villages in Wyre Forest District, and the smaller settlement of Caunsall.

This area is appropriate for designation as a neighbourhood area being:

- a) An area of two distinct and separate villages and surrounding countryside;
- b) Compatible with anticipated future changes to administrative boundaries through the boundary review;
- c) Supportive of work in Cookley to develop a community land trust;
- d) In line with current strategic planning policy that identifies Cookley as a named larger "village" in the settlement hierarchy (Policy DS01).

For the above reasons we would request that Wyre Forest District Council progress this application for neighbourhood area designation without delay.

Yours sincerely

Mrs B J Drew Clerk to Wolverley & Cookley Parish Council