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Chief Executive
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Dear Theresa

Business Neighbourhood Plan Forum for Altrincham Town Centre

At its meeting on 18th December 2013, the Altrincham Town Centre Shadow Forum agreed to apply for Altrincham Town Centre to be designated as a Business Neighbourhood Area. The attached list (Appendix 2 of the constitution) confirms the members to be included in the neighbourhood forum.

Therefore, on behalf of the Board I am delighted to enclose our formal application (in the form of The Forum's Constitution and various Appendices), in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, for the area shown in Appendix 1 of the application, to be designated a Business Neighbourhood Area by the Local Planning Authority (LPA). The area in question covers the majority of the existing town centre as well as additions which include the Old Market Place and a largely commercial area to the north of the existing town centre boundary.

Appendix 2 contains a list of those who are eligible and have applied to become a member of the neighbourhood forum. The forum contains a broad list of members from businesses, residents, volunteers, elected members and people who have an interest in Altrincham Town Centre and includes individuals that we believe have skills appropriate to establish a Neighbourhood Plan Forum.

The Shadow Forum understand that it is totally at the discretion of the LPA as to whether to designate the area as a 'Business Neighbourhood'. The proposed boundary has been carefully drawn to include all business and residents in or around Altrincham town centre and excludes any fringe residential areas or sites in non-business use. This is to ensure that the primary purpose of the Business Neighbourhood Area is preserved.

The Board recognises that the Council has a duty to publicise the application for a 6 week period and give proper consideration to any representations that are made before determining whether to formally designate the Business Neighbourhood Area as proposed. The Board welcomes this and is happy to support the Council in its considerations, as appropriate.

I trust that the information provided is sufficient to progress the application for designation of the Business Neighbourhood Area. I understand that it is important that the designation process be completed by March 2014. Given the urgency, if you have any queries or need any further information, please let me know as soon as possible, my contact details are below so please feel free to call me for the sake of expediency. I understand that the contact

details of one member must be available to be made public and I can confirm that my details can be used for this purpose. In the event of my absence please contact the Forum Vice Chair, Robert Redford.

Yours sincerely

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