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Dear Iain

**Reference No.** BNA/NW  
**Proposal:** Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Planning and  
Compulsory Purchase Act 2004  
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012  
Proposed Barrowford Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your letter received on 29th July 2015. It is Pendle's first formal proposal for a Neighbourhood Plan so it will be an interesting exercise for us to help you develop it.

I am writing to formally acknowledge your correspondence and that it will be treated as a formal request to designate a neighbourhood area, Barrowford Parish Council being able to do so as a qualifying body.

Under Part 2, Regulation 6, of the 2012 Regulations, we will place the application on our website and publicise the proposal. We will do that in a local newspaper on 28th August 2015. There then follows a mandatory 4 week consultation process.

The proposal must be determined within 8 weeks of publicising the request so the matter will be presented to the Executive on 22nd October 2015.

My initial view is that the whole of the Parish is the appropriate area for the purposes of designating the neighbourhood area.

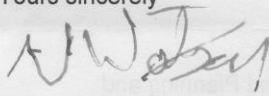
You have set out some broad areas that you intend the NP to cover. Your Council took part in the Hearing sessions for the Core Strategy so you will be aware that we expect the Inspector's report on the plan to be received during September. This will be important as it will establish the overall strategic framework against which all other Development Plan Documents, including NPs, will be assessed against and will have to be in broad conformity with. This will also cover the broad level of development that Barrowford would need commensurate with its position in the settlement hierarchy. This is clearly caveated that the Inspector finds the CS to be sound.

There will be a considerable amount of preparatory work to be undertaken on establishing the procedures the NP will need to follow and the extent of the issues the NP intends to cover. For example we will need to establish if what is being proposed would need to be assessed through a Sustainability Appraisal, if any primary research is needed to justify any policies as well as how it is intended to engage the community in developing it.

It would be beneficial if we could arrange a meeting to go through these and offer you what assistance we can in developing the NP.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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