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Dear Richard,

Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area Designation Application

Please accept this as an application pursuant to Parts 2 and 3 of the Town and Country Planning, England, Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012 No. 637), for the designation of Devonshire Park Neighbourhood Planning Forum as a neighbourhood forum for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan and for the designation of Devonshire Park as a neighbourhood planning area.

- a) The name of the proposed neighbourhood forum will be Devonshire Park Neighbourhood Planning Forum (the proposed forum)
- b) The proposed forum has a written constitution
Please see Appendix 1 – Constitution

The constitution was adopted by members at the AGM of Devonshire Park Residents Association on 12 October 2012.

- c) The name of the neighbourhood area to which the application relates is Devonshire Park (the area).

A map of the area is provided.
Please see Appendix 2 – Map of the Area

- d) The contact details for the proposed forum are as follows :-

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9 Westbank Road
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Merseyside
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These contact details are provided to Wirral Borough Council for publication on their website and in such other manner as the Local Authority considers

appropriate pursuant to Regulation 6, 7, 9 and 10 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

In addition the contact details will be made available to the public via the Devonshire Park Blog and community newsletter.

e) The proposed neighbourhood forum meets the conditions contained in Sections 61F and 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act as follows

a). The proposed forum is established for the express purpose of promoting and improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area.

Please see Appendix 1 - Constitution, Section 2.i

b). The membership of the proposed forum is open to

i. Individuals who live in the area

Please see Appendix 1 - Constitution, Section 5.i.i

Membership applications will be made available to residents at the forum meetings, which will be held at least 4 times each year and are open to all residents to attend.

Please see Appendix 1 - Constitution, Section 7.i

All residents of the area will receive a minimum of 21 days notice of the forum meetings via the community newsletter.

Please see Appendix 1 - Constitution, Section 7.ii

ii. Individuals who work in the area (either for business carried out there or otherwise)

Please see Appendix 1 - Constitution, Section 5.i.ii

The Management Committee will make reasonable endeavours to make contact with individuals who work in the area for the purpose of inviting membership of the proposed forum, through distribution of the community newsletter to local shops and businesses (including religious and not for profit organisations), social media and by direct invitation.

It is open to individuals who work in the area to attend the forum meetings at which membership applications will be made available.

iii. Individuals who are elected members of Wirral Borough Council whose area falls within the neighbourhood area concerned.

Please see Appendix 1 - Constitution, Section 5.i.iii

The Management Committee will invite the area's local Ward Councillors to become members of the Forum.

It is open to elected members of Wirral Borough Council to attend the forum meetings at which membership applications will be made available.

The Management committee will make reasonable endeavours to ensure that membership of the proposed forum reflects local diversity with reference to any such population profiling as may be provided by the local authority.

- c). At the time of writing, the proposed forum has received applications for membership from 81 individuals who will be treated as members for the purpose of this application.

The current distribution of members is as follows

- i. Individuals who live the area 77 of which 7 minors
Please see Appendix 1 - Constitution, Section 5.iv.i
- ii. Individuals who work in the area (either for business carried out there or otherwise) 7 of whom 4 are residents
Please see Appendix 1 - Constitution, Section 5.iv.ii
- iii. Individuals who are elected members of Wirral Borough Council whose area falls within the neighbourhood area concerned 1
Please see Appendix 1 - Constitution, Section 5.i.v.iii

A list of members is held by the Secretary and will be made available to Wirral Borough Council on request in a form to be agreed with due regard to privacy and data protection requirements.
Please see Appendix 1 - Constitution, Section 5.v

The Management Committee will continue to invite applications for membership and reserves the right to update the number of members stated in this application prior to Examination of the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents submitted to Wirral Borough Council.

- d). The proposed forum has a written constitution.
Please see Appendix 1 – Constitution

The constitution was adopted by members at the AGM of Devonshire Park Residents Association on 12 October 2012.

- e) The Management Committee will make reasonable endeavours to comply with any such other conditions as may be prescribed.
- f) The Devonshire Park area is recognised by local residents as a coherent area, with identifiable characteristics, formed by its history and physical layout. It is seen by local residents as a distinct neighbourhood.

Individuals who live and/or work in the area and/or are elected members of Wirral Borough Council whose area falls within the neighbourhood area have organised as a community since 2006 as Devonshire Park Residents' Association. A monthly newsletter is delivered to all homes and businesses. There is active participation in the area's social media networks and regular community meetings.

There is a significant common interest and sense of neighbourhood identity.

Should you require any further information in support of this application please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Chair

Devonshire Park Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Schedule of Appendices

Appendix 1 Map of the Area

Appendix 2 Proposed Constitution