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Mrs S Raggett
Clerk
Abbotskerswell Parish Council
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Devon
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Dear Mrs Raggett

Abbotskerswell Neighbourhood Plan Area

I am writing to confirm that under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011, Teignbridge District Council has approved the designation of the proposed Abbotskerswell Neighbourhood Plan area without amendment.

Teignbridge operates a funding scheme to support neighbourhood planning. The grant scheme is payable on approval of the Neighbourhood Area and is intended to cover some of the costs of preparing neighbourhood plans, providing a grant of £1 per elector (minimum of £1,000, maximum of £4,000) subject to the following requirements:

- Used only for activities in connection with the preparation of the neighbourhood plan (for example consultant support, printing, community engagement, workshop facilitation, room hire for events etc);
- Prior to receipt of grant funding the Town Council should submit a plan of any proposed expenditure, setting out the neighbourhood planning objectives that this will meet and the likely timescales for spending;
- The Parish or Town Council or Neighbourhood Forum to report on a quarterly basis on how the grant has been used during the previous quarter and setting out any future expenditure that has been identified; and
- Unspent funds are returned to the District Council on completion of the neighbourhood plan.

The Town Council will receive a grant of £1,339 which is based on an electorate of 1,339.

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If you wish to take advantage of this fund please let me know in writing, providing the relevant information with regard to proposed expenditure, along with a copy of the project plan for the neighbourhood plan preparation.

Please note that the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan must accord with various legal requirements involving consultation and to the following requirements in terms of its content:

- a) Have regard to national policies and advice by the Secretary of State (primarily the National Planning Policy Framework);
- b) Contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development (note that this is defined within the National Planning Policy Framework);
- c) Is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area; and
- d) Is compatible with relevant EU obligations (for example, habitat regulations).

You will find useful neighbourhood planning advice on our webpages:

www.teignbridge.gov.uk/places

Yours sincerely

Claire Blaney

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