



# Bishop's Stortford Town Council

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Chief Executive  
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Dear Mr Steptoe      Application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area

Bishop's Stortford Town Council, being a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), hereby requests that the area comprising Silver Leys and Meads Ward (taken together) and outlined in red on the enclosed map be designated as a neighbourhood area as specified in Schedule 9 61G of the Localism Act 2011.

The Town Council considers this an appropriate area for designating as a Neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

1. It lies entirely within the Civil Parish of Bishop's Stortford
2. The boundaries represent existing and well established boundaries
3. The area includes the entirety of that area in Bishop's Stortford designated as 'Areas of Special Restraint 1-5' as specified in paragraph 3.6 of the Local Plan second review 2007 (saved policies) and scheduled for potential residential development as well as the surrounding areas most immediately affected by any development

In the opinion of the Town Council the formulation of a neighbourhood plan for this area is timely in view of the likelihood that planning applications will shortly be submitted for ASRs1-5 and will provide a structured forum for engagement of community representatives in the planning process and with both developers.

Yours sincerely

James Parker  
Chief Executive