## **Neighbourhood Area Designation for Arden Neighbourhood Forum**

As Arden does not have an approved body to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, the residents of Arden and people who are employed in Arden have formed a Neighbourhood Forum with the name 'Arden Neighbourhood Forum (2023 – 2028)'.

I am writing to inform you that Arden Neighbourhood Forum (2023-2028), as the Qualifying Body, has taken the decision to develop a Neighbourhood Plan and the Forum is therefore applying to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The area to be covered by the Neighbourhood plan is the ward area of Arden excluding the part of the ward area designated as Gt Bowden Neighborhood Area and excluding the Town Centre Masterplan Area. A map confirming the area to be designated is shown below with the boundary shown in red to satisfy Section 5 91) (a) of the Regulations.

## **Arden Neighbourhood Area**

To satisfy Section 5 (1) (b) of the Regulations it is considered that the Neighbourhood Area detailed above is appropriate to be designated as it is the formal geographical boundary of Arden which wholly contains Arden excluding parts of the ward already designated as neighborhood areas. The residents of Arden and people who are employed within Arden, value the identity, sense of community within the ward boundary, consider it to be a logical boundary to use for planning purposes and therefore wish to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the future development of Arden.

John Fannon

Chair of Arden Neighbourhood Forum and on behalf of Arden Neighbourhood Forum

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