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Mrs L Aisbett
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Dear Mrs Aisbett

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Asfordby Parish Council is applying for designation of the whole of Asfordby Parish as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of the preparation of the Asfordby Neighbourhood Development Plan. Asfordby is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area for the following reasons:

- 1. The Melton Core Strategy (Publication) document was published in February 2012. The Melton Core Strategy sets the vision, objectives and strategic policies for the area. The Core strategy will set the framework for the preparation of the Asfordby Neighbourhood Development Plan and makes specific reference to the preparation of neighbourhood plans. For example, due to its good range of services and facilities Asfordby is identified as a Rural Centre. Policy CS2 (Rural Centres) provides for development in Asfordby to meet local needs in a way that contributes to local priorities. This is to be achieved through development within the built form of the village, the allocation of affordable housing and development provided through the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2. The Neighbourhood Plan will allow people, who live, work and have a business in Asfordby to have a say where they think new houses, businesses and shops should go- and what they should look like.
- 3. In 2011, DCLG selected Asfordby as a pilot for the Front Runners Scheme.

Asfordby Parish Council is a 'relevant body' under section 61G(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. A copy of a plan showing the extent of the parish is attached.

Yours sincerely

Lorraine Davies Parish Clerk

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