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Dear Mrs Smart

### **Application for the Designation of a Neighbourhood Area – Earls Barton**

Thank you for your application to designate a Neighbourhood Area, which was received on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

The application was advertised on our website and comments were invited by 1<sup>st</sup> June. Neighbouring Parish Councils and other bodies with an interest in the area were consulted. Comments were received from Natural England and I enclose a copy of their letter. This highlights the importance of the Upper Nene Valley Special Protection Area (SPA) part of which is within the parish.

The Borough Council has considered the application and I am pleased to confirm that the parish has been approved as the Earls Barton Neighbourhood Area. I attach a copy of the decision notice which will also be published on our website.

You should have regard to the comments of Natural England when preparing the Neighbourhood Plan and ensure that the plan is screened under the Habitats Regulations to ensure that there are no significant effects on the SPA.

Yours sincerely



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