Mr Michael Reep,
North Somerset Council,
Town Hall,
Weston Super Mare,
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9th February 2015

Dear Mr Reep,

APPLICATION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA.

Yatton Parish Council is preparing two Neighbourhood Plans for the Parish of Yatton. In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 the following information is provided:

5(1) (a) A map (attached) identifies the two areas, one for Yatton and one for Claverham; the two areas cover the entire Yatton Parish boundary area of North Somerset. The proposed boundary between the two plan areas has been chosen using clear definable established features including the settlement boundary between the two villages, roads, footpaths and rhynes all of which were selected for their longevity. The inclusion of Cadbury Hill with the Yatton Neighbourhood plan accommodates the existing joint management arrangements with Congresbury Parish Council.

5(1) (b) The Parish of Yatton is considered appropriate for designating two neighbourhood areas because:
Yatton Parish is one of the largest parishes in North Somerset representing the large service village of Yatton and the small infill village of Claverham; both have very differing needs. Whilst both are surrounded by open countryside Claverham is a small rural village with very little infrastructure and a predominance of agricultural land, green belt, open moors and SSSI’s. Yatton by comparison has an increasing population approaching town status with retail, business, industrial and transport issues.
The creation of two plans will allow both villages to shape their future development needs whilst allowing them to focus on the specific issues relating to each community.
The Parish Council has formed two working groups (one for each plan) both comprise of residents and Parish Councillors. They recognise it will be appropriate to work together on areas of the plans where there are shared issues and both groups are required to report to the Planning Committee as they have no decision making powers.
Yours faithfully

Crispin Taylor
Clerk to Yatton Parish Council.