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Dear Mrs Atherton

### **Application to Designate Wincanton Parish as a Neighbourhood Area**

I am writing to inform you that Wincanton Town Council's request to have Wincanton Parish be designated a Neighbourhood Area was reported to the Council's District Executive on 6 March 2014. I am pleased to inform you that the District Executive has agreed to designate the Neighbourhood Area as advertised in August 2013.

The District Executive also noted Wincanton Town Council's amendment to point 4 of their supporting statement. This now reads:

*"It is concerned to ensure that planning decisions for housing are always responsive to local circumstances and reflects local need in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. It may wish to pursue a Neighbourhood Development Order which will in effect allow the Parish, subject to a local referendum, to grant planning permission in certain cases."*

May I take this opportunity to wish you every success with this endeavour.

Yours sincerely

**Jo Wilkins**  
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