1.0 Summary

To give people more control over the development of their local area the Localism Act 2011 introduced new powers for people to make neighbourhood plans. Neighbourhood planning legislation came into force in April 2012.

At the April 2015 Congresbury Parish Council meeting it was decided that the Parish Council will lead on development of a neighbourhood development plan. Congresbury Parish Council decided on 8 June that it would submit an application to designate the area within Congresbury parish boundary as its Neighbourhood Area.

2.0 Stage 1 – Neighbourhood development plan area designation

Congresbury Parish Council would like to apply to North Somerset Council to designate the area within Congresbury parish boundary as its neighbourhood area. In support of this application we present:

- Diagram 1 – Current parish boundary for Congresbury.
- The following statement:
  ‘The Parish Council considers that this is an appropriate area as the area is wholly administered by Congresbury Parish Council. Congresbury faces a number of challenges over the next 20 years from risk of flooding, pressures on infrastructure (such as congestion on the A370 and B3133 and an aging sewer system) as well as needing to carefully consider how it grows and develops sustainably to meet the needs and desire of current and future generations. The Neighbourhood Development Plan will further develop and build on the current Parish Plan that was produced in 2007 looking to further strengthen the local community.’
- In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 the Parish Council are the appropriate body to make this application.

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Chairman of Congresbury Parish Council
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