Appendix B

Qualification – statement that the proposed neighbourhood forum meets the required conditions (Town and Country Planning, Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 8 (e)).

We understand the necessary qualifications for Neighbourhood Forum status and confirm that, as you know, there is no Parish Council in Levenshulme and none of the land designated as the Neighbourhood Area is part of any Parish Council.

a) Our constitution clearly defines our overall objectives in our mission statement, of seeking establishment for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social/cultural, economic, and environmental well-being of the geographical area of Levenshulme as outlined.

In addition to those objectives stated in the constitution, we would add that we appreciate the consequences which we believe will ensue from the establishment of a Neighbourhood Forum. Indeed we believe the consequences will be to lend much more weight and recognition than in the past to the community who live and work in Levenshulme as the major stakeholders in whatever developments and decisions are being considered for its community to live with.

If established as a Forum we anticipate that the Neighbourhood Forum will work cooperatively and productively, particularly with our councils officers; and look to garner the support of those elected representatives, developers and businesses who seek to contribute to the same overall objective stated as the main objective in the Localism Act and in our constitution. We also believe that whenever appropriate and possible the Forum should also be a medium for initiating endeavours in keeping with those objectives and for supporting those who contribute to the wellbeing of the community in Levenshulme.

b) Membership of the proposed Levenshulme Neighbourhood Planning Forum is open. As you will see from our constitution (Appendix 2), in compliance with the Localism Act, we nominate as members, all local residents, individuals who work in the area and all persons elected to represent the area including our ward councillors and MP. We would also expect to include any business man or woman or their representative who had a business in Levenshulme but who did not actually work in Levenshulme.

We have clearly stated in the constitution that the Forum is to be non party political and that its business is constitutionally designed to sustain that statement in practise. There are also mechanisms to deal with vested interests.

c) Membership includes at least 21 individual members, each of whom either lives in the proposed Levenshulme NA, works in the proposed Levenshulme NA or is an elected member. We have attached the names and addresses of more than twenty one qualifying persons (Appendix 3). The addresses represent a spread over Levenshulme as one can see from the address list. The representation includes residents; people who work in the area such as the; local businessmen such as Mr. Henningan of the long established local Pub co. and chairman of the Trader Association and Reverend Caroline Throup; and a local Levenshulme councillors Cllr. Sheikh, Cllr. Noor, Cllr. Reid, Cllr. Cookson

d) The proposed Levenshulme Neighbourhood Planning Forum has a written constitution (Appendix 2)