

Elmswell Neighbourhood Area Designation Application Responses

January 2014

In order to prepare a neighbourhood plan, the first formal stage is to designate the Neighbourhood Area (see Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012). The 'qualifying body' (the town or parish council) has to apply to Mid Suffolk District Council to designate a neighbourhood area, stating its reasons and submit a map of the proposed area.

Mid Suffolk District Council received an application from Elmswell Parish Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area to enable the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. A statutory consultation as set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 sections 5 – 8, was undertaken by Mid Suffolk District Council from Thursday 21st November 2013 until Friday 10th January 2014.

The following comments were received:

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Main issues	Action required?
28/11/2013	Mrs Aarti O'Leary	Lawson Planning Partnership Ltd <i>obo</i> NHS Property Services Ltd Local Area Team for East Anglia	Note the proposal to designate Elmswell as a Neighbourhood Plan area, and would wish to engage in the Neighbourhood Plan preparation process (on behalf of NHS England), in due course.	None
19/12/13	Parish Clerk	Woolpit PC Parish Council	No issues with the publicised designated area for Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan as it appear to follow the parish boundary.	None
04/01/2014	Parish Clerk	Great Ashfield Parish Council	Happy the boundary with Elmswell is correct. All of Lee Farm Bldgs & Farmhouse are in Great Ashfield as is all the buildings on the Airfield, poultry units, hangers and grain stores.	None
08/01/2014	Mr James Melvin	Natural England	Response notes that (1) there are a number of SSSIs not far from Elmswell, most notably Norton Wood, which will need to be considered if the intention is to designate any large residential development; (2) reminds LPA that it should take into account economic and other benefits, and protect from development, the best and most versatile agricultural and, (3) provides general advice on Protected landscapes, Protected Species and Opportunities for enhancing the natural environment	Forwarded a copy of NE's response (which includes general advice) to the Parish Council.

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09/01/2014	Mr James Firth	Strutt & Parker obo Mr & Mrs Godbold	Strongly support the proposed plan area, and submit further details of land ownership which are not relevant to this stage of the consultation.	None
10/01/2014	Mr James Cutting	Suffolk County Council	The county council has no objection to the area as proposed in your letter dated 25 November 2013. However, as the plan is developed, appropriate consideration will need to be given to the impacts of proposals on other parishes in the locality.	None

As no material objections were received, using delegated powers, the Head of Economy can designate the Elmswell Neighbourhood Area to allow the community's plan to proceed to the next stage.

14th January 2014