

Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation Application Responses

13 March 2017

In order to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, the first formal stage is to designate the Neighbourhood Area (see Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)). The 'qualifying body' (the Parish or Town Council) has to apply to Babergh District Council to designate a neighbourhood area, stating its reasons and submitting a map of the proposed area.

Babergh District Council received an application from Little Waldingfield 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 (as amended) was undertaken by Babergh District Council between Friday 10 February 2017 and Friday 10 March 2017

The following comments were received:

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?
21-02-17	Hannah Wilson (Planning Liaison Manager)	Anglian Water Services Ltd	No comments to make at this time but look forward to working with the Neighbourhood Plan group in the future.	No further action required.
22-02-17	Richard Sykes (Consultations Team)	Natural England	<p>Response offers the following general advice which may be of use in the preparation of their plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NE is a non-departmental public body whose statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Your LPA should be able to advise you when we should be consulted further on your neighbourhood plan. • Planning policy for the natural environment: NHPs present significant opportunities, but also potential risks, for the natural environment. Your proposals should be in line with the NPPF. The key principles are set out in para' 109. <p>NHP body should also consider the natural environment policies in the area's Local Plan. The NHP should be consistent with these, and the NHP body may decide that the emerging NHP should provide more detail as to how some of these policies apply or are interpreted locally.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>A full copy of Natural England's response has been forwarded to the Parish Council.</p>

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			<p>Letter from NE also contained an annex which sets out sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues [the qualifying body] may wish to consider as the NHP is progressed.</p>	
03-03-17	Natalie Gates (Principle Historic Places Team)	Historic England	<p>No objection to designation but note NHP Area incorporates a number of designated heritage assets incl'. Little Waldingfield Conservation Area, the Grade I listed Church of St Lawrence and 23 Grade II listed structures. Will be important that the NHP safeguards those elements which contribute to the importance of these historic assets. This will assist in ensuring they can be enjoyed by future generations and make sure it is in line with national planning policy.</p> <p>Recommend LWPC engage with Babergh Heritage Team & SCC Archaeology Service. The latter look after the Historic Env' Record, give advice on archaeological matters and should be able to provide details of designated heritage assets, locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via www.heritagegateway.org.uk. May also be useful for LWPC to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society, local history groups, building preservation trusts, etc. in the production of their Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>NHPs need to include enough information about local heritage to guide planning decisions and to put broader strategic heritage policies from the LAs local plan into action at a neighbourhood scale. If appropriate this should include enough information about local non-designated heritage assets including sites of archaeological interest to guide decisions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cont ...</i></p>	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>A full copy of Historic England's response was copied to LWPC for their information.</p>

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			<p>Further information and guidance on how heritage can best be incorporated into NHPs has been produced by Historic England. This signposts a number of other documents which the Parish Council might find useful in helping to identify what it is about their area which makes it distinctive and how they might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. These can be found at: http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/</p>											
09-03-17	Barbara Adamski (Planning Officer - Policy)	Suffolk County Council	<p>No objection to area as proposed. As the plan is developed, appropriate consideration will need to be given to the impacts of proposals on other parishes in the locality. The Plan may or may not impact on SCC service responsibilities, depending on what the qualifying body is seeking to achieve. If the plan is likely to impact on any of the county council's services, such as transport or education (in particular), we would welcome the opportunity to discuss the Parish Council's proposals at an early stage in the plan's preparation. Potentially relevant county council services include:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="817 943 1691 1121"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Archaeology</td> <td>Libraries</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education</td> <td>Minerals and Waste</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fire and Rescue</td> <td>Natural Environment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flooding</td> <td>Public Rights of Way</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health and Wellbeing</td> <td>Transport</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Archaeology	Libraries	Education	Minerals and Waste	Fire and Rescue	Natural Environment	Flooding	Public Rights of Way	Health and Wellbeing	Transport	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>A full copy of Suffolk County Council's response has been forwarded to the Parish Council.</p>
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As no material representations were received the Assistant Director - Planning for Growth may accordingly designate the Neighbourhood Area under powers delegated by Full Council.