



# Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

**Parish clerk details**

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| Title                | Mr                          |
| First name           | Kevin                       |
| Last name            | Boardley                    |
| Property name/number | Willow Cottage              |
| Address line 1       | The Street                  |
| Address line 2       | Walsham le Willows          |
| Town/Village         | Bury St Edmunds             |
| County               | Suffolk                     |
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**Additional contact details (if different)**

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| Title                | Mr                 |
| First name           | Phil               |
| Last name            | Newby              |
| Property name/number | ██████████         |
| Address line 1       | ██████████         |
| Address line 2       | Walsham le Willows |
| Town/Village         | ██████████         |
| County               | ██████             |
| Postcode             | ██████             |
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**Relevant body**

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| Confirmation that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with the regulations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes                            |
| District                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Mid Suffolk District Council   |
| Parish                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Walsham-le-Willows             |
| If adjacent LA/Parish was selected these details have been provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                |
| <b>Name of neighbourhood area</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                |
| Name by which the neighbourhood area will formally be known                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Walsham le Willows NDP         |
| <b>Extent of the area</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                |
| Intended extent of the area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Whole parish boundary area     |
| Is assistance with an OS plan required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes                            |
| To satisfy Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 the following statement has been provided to explain why the area being proposed is considered appropriate:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                |
| <p>The Parish Council have been considering preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for some time, but this was actively taken forward by a community group in April 2018, made up of residents, including professionals, Parish Councillors, and interested persons. The intention to take forward a Neighbourhood Plan has been advertised in the village for several months, including via the local community newsletter, "The Walsham Observer", and the Parish website, which culminated in a 'drop-in' event on Thursday 27th June 2018. The purpose of the event was to establish if there was a local appetite for taking forward a Neighbourhood Plan, and if the Parish Boundary was an appropriate boundary to use. The event took place between 14.30 and 21.00, with over 150 people attending throughout the day. Over 140 signatures of support for the Neighbourhood Plan boundary to be the Parish Boundary were received. Further information is available from the website, or a more detailed explanation can be provided as necessary.</p> |                                |
| <b>Intention of neighbourhood area</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                |
| The following is intended to be undertaken within the neighbourhood area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Neighbourhood Development Plan |
| Support provided for this choice:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                |

The community of Walsham le Willows have been actively engaged and involved in the very early process of progressing a Neighbourhood Plan, which has resulted in a high level of support and encouragement for taking forward a Neighbourhood Plan that is based on the existing Parish Boundary. Several options were considered to get to this point, including making the identified area smaller to closer reflect the existing settlement boundary, or to make the Plan boundary wider and extend into other Parishes. Both of these alternative options were duly considered, with their being pros and cons of both approaches. Ultimately, a good proportion of the community met to discuss this initial stage of the Neighbourhood Plan process at a specific drop-in event on 27th June 2018, at which there was overwhelming support from attendees for the Neighbourhood Plan to follow the same as the Parish Boundary. It is therefore considered by the community of Walsham le Willows that their Neighbourhood Plan should follow the Parish Boundary, which as it is felt this gives the future Neighbourhood Plan greatest area of control and most flexibility.

**Adjoining parish clerk details (multi-parish areas)**

Details of adjoining parish or parishes clerk details if provided

N/A

**Declaration**

I/we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and on the accompanying plan.

Name(s)

Kevin Boardley / Phil Newby

Date

19/07/2018