

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

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

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Please note that the information provided on this application form may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Communities team.

* Indicates a mandatory field

1. Parish Clerk details

Title:*
 First name:*
 Last name:*
 Property name or no.:*
 Address 1:*
 Address 2:
 Address 3:
 Town:*
 County:*
 Postcode:*
 Email address:

2. Additional contact details (if different)

Title:
 First name:
 Last name:
 Property name or no.:
 Address 1:
 Address 2:
 Address 3:
 Town:
 County:
 Postcode:
 Email address:

3. Relevant body:

Please confirm that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations.

Yes

No

District:*

Parish:*

4. Name of the Neighbourhood Area:

Please give a name which your neighbourhood area will be formally known:*

5. Extent of the area:

Please indicate below and attach an OS plan showing the intended extent of the area:*

Whole parish boundary area:

Part of the parish:

Joint with neighbouring parish:

To satisfy Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a statement is required to explain why the proposed neighbourhood plan area is considered appropriate in order for it to be designated. Please provide a statement below that explains why you consider the extent of the neighbourhood area appropriate:*

Area Proposed

Woolpit Parish Council resolved at its meeting on 1 February 2016 to proceed with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan area proposed by the Parish Council is the Woolpit parish boundary. This is considered appropriate for the following reasons:

1. Using the existing boundary is logical and readily understandable to villagers.
2. It conforms to the electoral base that will be consulted later for the NP referendum.
3. By using the parish boundary, the hamlets of Woolpit Heath, Woolpit Green and Borley Green, which are

separate from the main village, are encompassed within the plan area.

4. The Parish Council has no reason to believe that any landowner within the parish would wish their land to be excluded.

5. Both historically and practically, no reason has been found to suggest an alternative boundary would be more suitable.

Purpose of the Plan

The Plan will ultimately be used for decision-making purposes by Mid Suffolk District Council and Woolpit Parish Council. It will describe how the people of Woolpit want to see their village develop over the next 15 years. It will combine a need for expanding the residential housing stock with appropriate business development, whilst also supporting infrastructure, amenities, and taking into account environmental considerations. The Parish Council sees the Plan as an important opportunity for empowering the village to create an attainable, sustainable vision for its future, voiced by the people themselves.

Steering Group

The Parish Council has delegated the development of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to a voluntary Steering Group (SG) comprising Parish Councillors and other residents. There is also a large number of villagers offering help in various ways. The SG is geographically drawn from all parts of the village and represents a demographically diverse team of residents who jointly have extensive professional expertise and local knowledge.

Community Engagement

Some community outreach and engagement activities have already been undertaken. Two public meetings to discuss the setting up of a NP and what it involves and can produce have taken place. These were attended by 150 residents. From these meetings some 60 people have offered themselves to act either as members of the SG or as helpers. A Neighbourhood Plan webpage has been created.

What the Plan will include

The Plan will set out the views, needs and planning aspirations of as many Woolpit residents as possible concerning a wide range of aspects of village life and the village environment. It will evolve over time but its principal aims will be to identify:

- The anticipated quantity and range of accommodation needed for a sustainable mixed community of homes and businesses.
- Proposals to protect the character of the village and select locations considered as suitable for development.
- Improvements in services and amenities needed to support the community in the future e.g. transport, education, employment, shopping, communications, health, leisure and wellbeing.

Woolpit Parish Council recognises that the Plan will only be valid and successful if it is created by the people who live and work in the village and so reflects their majority view. Hence the intention of the SG is to encourage the whole community to take part in a variety of activities to achieve this objective.

Footnote

The SG Mission Statement, Terms of Reference, and Delivery Schedule will be available on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Woolpit Parish Council website: <http://www.woolpit.org/WNP/index.html>.

6. Intention of Neighbourhood Area:

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area:*

- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Neighbourhood Development Order
- Community Right to Build Order

Please provide support for your choice below. For example, which parish and community meeting has the above choice been discussed at? Are the community aware of what is being proposed and why? Do the community support the choice selected?*

See above.

7. Additional joint parish details:

If you are applying with an adjoining parish or parishes please give the clerk's details for each parish:

N/A

8. Declaration:

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

Name(s)*

John Guyler

Date (dd/mm/yy)*

08 Mar 2016