

## Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation Application Responses

May 2016

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 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 Woolpit 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 Mid Suffolk District Council between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

The following comments were received:

| Date     | Consultee Name                            | Consultee Organisation        | Summary of Comments   | Action required?  |
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| 10-04-16 | Jen Larner<br>(Parish Clerk)              | Wetherden<br>Parish Council   | Thank you for consulting Wetherden Parish Council on Woolpit's neighbourhood plan boundary suggestions. The Parish Council has no comments at this stage  | No further action required.   |
| 12-04-16 | Mr & Mrs<br>Wortley                       | Local<br>Residents            | Comments did not relate directly to the issue of Area Designation and its appropriateness or otherwise but do suggest that the NHP is likely to be formalised too late to have any influence on existing, proposed or expected planning applications for large scale housing development in Woolpit and what that may mean for the village. | No further action required.<br>Response was also copied into Woolpit Parish Council                     |
| 28-04-16 | Sue Bull<br>(Planning Liaison<br>Manager) | Anglian Water<br>Services Ltd | No comments to make at this time, however if the Neighbourhood Plan progresses we would welcome the opportunity to comment on later stages on any aspects relevant to Anglian Water.  | No further action required.   |
| 28-04-16 | Dawn Kinrade                              | Natural<br>England            | Response offers the following general advice which may be of use in the preparation of their plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present</li> </ul>      | No further action required.<br>A full copy of the NE response has been forwarded to the Parish Council. |

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|          |                                    |  | <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planning policy for the natural environment</u>: NDPs and orders present significant opportunities, but also potential risks, for the natural environment. Your proposals should be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. The key principles are set out in paragraph 109.</li> <li>• [<i>The Qualifying Body</i>] should also consider the natural environment policies in your area's Local Plan. Your NHP or order should be consistent with these, and you may decide that your plan should provide more detail as to how some of these policies apply or are interpreted locally.</li> <li>• Provide an annex listing sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues [the qualifying body] may wish to consider as [they] develop [there] NHP or order.</li> </ul> |                             |
| 29-04-16 | Sophie Pain<br>(Senior Consultant) | Beacon Planning Ltd<br>( <i>obo Pigeon (Woolpit) Ltd</i> ) | <p>We write on behalf of our client, Pigeon (Woolpit) Ltd who support the logical use of the existing Parish boundary as the NHP boundary. Pigeon support the consultation that Woolpit Parish Council has undertaken to date in connection with the initial stages of preparing a NHP. It is positive to see that in due course the plan will be looking to expand the residential housing stock of the Parish, along with appropriate business development, supporting infrastructure and amenities and enhancing the environment, while also using the plan as an opportunity to benefit the local community.</p>   | No further action required. |

As no material representations were received the Assistant Director may accordingly designate the Neighbourhood Area under powers delegated by Full Council.