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With reference to the Bentley Historic Core Conservation Area Proposal.

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The area suggested in this proposal is to the immediate side and rear of our property. We moved to this location for the wonderful landscape that is afforded to us not only from our property but also to step out the door and we are immediately walking in an area which in our opinion is of great natural beauty. There are many footpaths and Quiet Lanes (designated by the Local Planning Office) which take us into an undeveloped landscape with a handful of traditional attractive properties/buildings which in themselves are of great importance in their individual settings and views. The proposal explains to great depth the importance of the heritage of the buildings and the landscape around, which provides such a vital role to the setting of these buildings.

The area outlined in the proposal covers all of these important buildings and surrounding area to protect the magnificent views afforded, not only for the local residents and visitors to this historic landscape but also for our future generations.

It is of utmost priority that this historic landscape remains unchanged. This is Suffolk's heritage which needs protection from our ever changing and developing world. Whilst we appreciate the beauty we have on our doorstep, it was only reading the proposal that to our amazement that there are so many listed buildings and features of Architectural and Historic Interest, some 50 in total. This has enlightened our love of the area even more and feeling extremely proud to live in such a beautiful part of Suffolk.

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Dear Philip Isbell,

In addition to the below email I sent on Fri 3rd Jan 2025 @ 09:42:-

[REDACTED] we run a small 5 pitch caravan certified licenced site which comes under the Caravan and Motorhome Club rules. On our website, we advertise that there are many lovely walks directly from our site. On some occasions, guests will ask where to walk, we often mention around the woodlands and quiet lanes of the Bentley parish as they are so quiet and attractive, offering just the perfect landscape views and interest our guests are looking for.

The website allows our guests to post reviews should they wish to in relation to their recent visit. Many of those reviews have stated that there are lovely walks directly from our site reflecting the wonderful heritage within this parish.

There is a great importance to keep this heritage on going not only for now for ourselves and our guests to enjoy but when we move on, our next generation and guests will also be able to benifit from this beautifully protected landscape.

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To whom it may concern,

As the owner of [REDACTED] which is one of the identified heritage assets of the village and which is an unlisted. I had to consider the impact and benefits of the proposed conservation area on my property and any future development of the property I or any future owner may wish to undertake vs the clear benefits of a conservation area.

Having read the proposal and on reflection I believe it right that an areas that is so unique and nearly perfectly preserved is protected for future generations to enjoy. I am therefore in full support of the proposed conservation area and hope many generations get to enjoy it as it is currently found once the conservation area is approved.

With best regards

[REDACTED]

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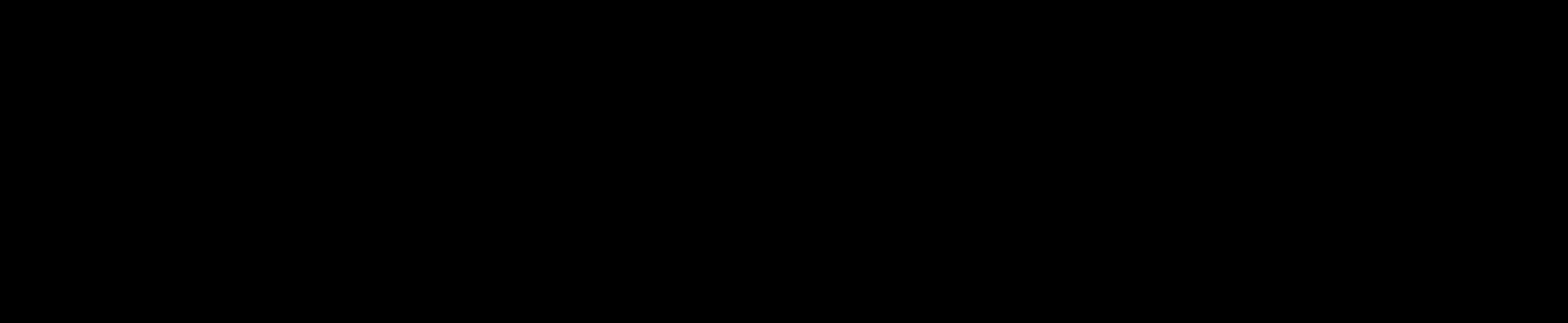
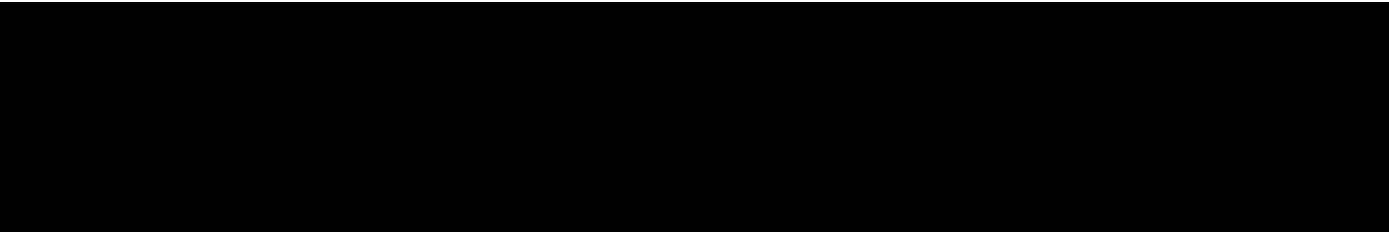
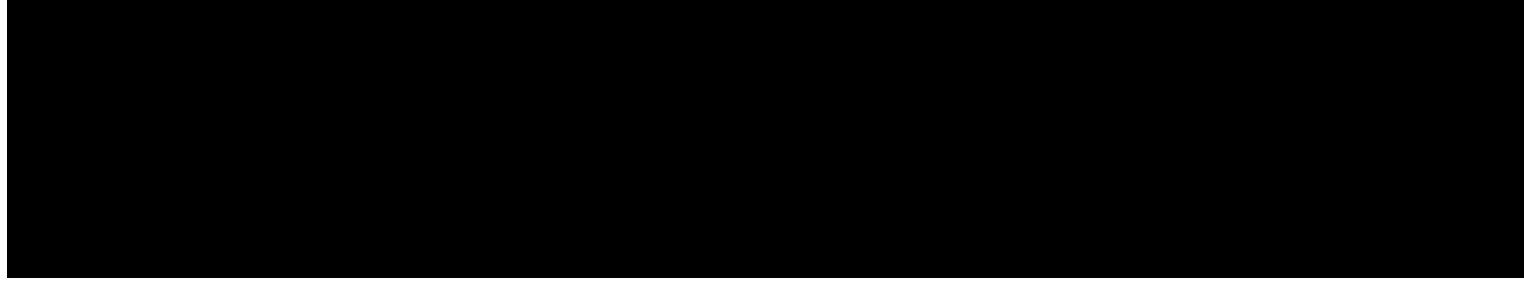
Dear Sir/Madam

Please accept my comment concerning the Bentley Historic Core Conservation Area, printed below:

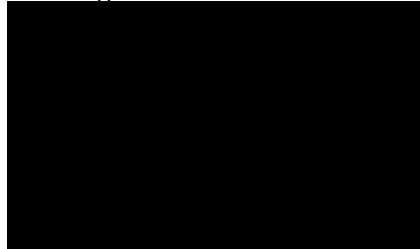
I live within the proposed conservation area and fully support the move to establish it. I have lived here for over thirty years, enjoying its little lanes and broad vistas, and - if I am honest - not fully realising how lucky I have been. For the past two years, this haven has been threatened by two very large industrial developments: the proposed Solar Park [redacted] which would be visible from our home; and the proposed Gravel Extraction and Waste Treatment Plant directly [redacted]. During these two years, I have learnt how important the establishment of direct protection measures are: the Quiet Lanes, the Valued Landscape and Babergh's Development Plan. The proposed Conservation Area would cement these measures, giving the area added and probably stronger protection.

I recognise that living in a conservation area brings possible frustrations as well as benefits, but can live with any that arise for the sake of our lovely countryside.






Please take my comments below in full support of this important designation.
Since 2018 I have been a full supporter of our democratically approved legal Neighbourhood Plan and having lived in Bentley for over 45 years and enjoyed walking around the village I understand that an approved Bentley Historic Core Conservation area would protect the whole area for future generations to enjoy.
I agree with all the reasons put forward by Bentley Parish Council and others who fully support this designation.
[redacted] and we raise funds to pay for annual insurance and other essential conservation maintenance. I personally wrote the rules of the Charity [redacted] to try to ensure the longevity of our Parish Church which features on the northern edge of the proposed Conservation area.
Please register my full personal support for this Conservation area designation.
Kind regards



[REDACTED]

Subject: Proposed Heritage Conservation Area in Bentley

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Dear Sirs

The Bentley Heritage public meeting in January was a disgrace.

Many major stakeholders, business owners and households were not even informed of the event.

The Church was too small and inconvenient for the meeting. Displays were all cramped together up one corner. This didn't allow the public to 'flow' around them. Babergh officials and Parish Councillors were not wearing identification tags which would have been more helpful.

Wheelchair access to displays was impossible and the opening hours of the meeting did not allow people at work to attend. How was this a fair and democratic public meeting for all?

This event should have been held in the village hall.

The show-stopper of the afternoon was when Councillor Busby admitted to several of us that the Heritage Area scheme was indeed "***only created to stop the proposed solar farm and quarry development***". This now fits in with the tree and bush removal on the South facing aspect of the churchyard - facing proposed solar farm. This tree work was instigated by Tom Hill in January 2024 in his email to the Bentley Parish chairman. This work was carried out on 14 February 2024.

[REDACTED] has been totally misrepresented in the Handforth Report.

I spoke to Stephen Handforth at the church event, and he admitted to me that the picture shown in his report on page 21 had been taken by him from my private driveway and he'd needed to walk around a blind corner to gain the photograph.

Church Road offers no views of my house and the nearby PROW has no frontal view because of thick hedging, trees and undergrowth. To suggest the public have the view of my house as shown in the Handforth Report is untrue and false representation.

[REDACTED] is not a Listed Building for a reason. Within 30m of the northern boundary of the house are modern asbestos-type farm buildings and the house structure is mostly late C19th.

The medieval theme of [REDACTED] portrayed in the heritage report is rather diminished by firstly, the nearby railway line with the non-stop train warning hooters from 6am until twelve midnight (because of the three PROW crossings over the tracks) and secondly the combined noise of the A12 and A137.

Regards

[REDACTED]