

# Place Directorate

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## Town & Country Planning Act 1990

### Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Babergh District Council received an application from Great Waldingfield Parish Council to designate the whole of the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

A map identifying the designated area is published on the District Council website:

Link: [www.babergh.gov.uk/GreatWaldingfieldNP](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/GreatWaldingfieldNP)

The application was made under Regulation 5 and comments were invited between Monday 26 June 2017 and Friday 21 July 2017

Five responses were received but no material representations were made.

Accordingly, under Regulation 7, and following the completion of the statutory consultation, the District Council hereby designates the application area as a Neighbourhood Area in order to facilitate the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan by Great Waldingfield Parish Council.

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# Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

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

### Publication of applications on the Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Council websites

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:\*

Great Waldingfield Parish Council resolved at its meeting on 12th June 2017 to make an application to designate a neighbourhood area and that the Great Waldingfield Parish Boundary to be the extent of the area. The area proposed by GWPC 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.

## 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?\*

Great Waldingfield Parish councillors met with Bill Newman, Babergh & Mid Suffolk's Corporate Manager – Strategic Planning, on the 21st February 2017 to discuss the emerging Local Plan and the implications this will have on the Parish of Great Waldingfield. The councillors took on board the offer from Bill Newman to help Babergh make housing allocations within the parish, if the community was prepared to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. At the GWPC meeting held on the 13th March 2017 the councillors reviewed the outcomes of their meeting with him and agreed that they should explore the opportunity to develop a NP and allocated a budget to use the services of a planning consultant to get a better understanding of what was involved in the process.

On the 25th April 2017 the councillors met Navigus Planning consultant Chris Bowden in order to gain an understanding of the process of developing a NP and the ways in which community engagement could be achieved. At the GWPC meeting on the 15th May 2017 the councillors agreed that the Clerk and Chris Bowden prepare a project plan on how GWPC could undertake the process of developing a plan whilst engaging with the community.

At the meeting on the 12th June 2017 the councillors reviewed the project plan prepared by the Clerk and Chris Bowden on how the community could undertake the process of developing a NP. The councillors also reviewed the application process for the designation of a neighborhood area and a map produced by BDC of the Great Waldingfield Parish Boundary.

The councillors resolved that following the discussions with:

- BDC's Bill Newman on how he plans to develop the new Local Plan
- Chris Bowden on what a NP process entails
- and reviewing the project plan on how a NP could be achieved by 2019

that they will now commence the engagement with residents on the proposal to develop a NP for the parish of Great Waldingfield. The councillors further resolved that subject to an application for the designation of a neighbourhood area for the parish boundary of Great Waldingfield being acceptable at this stage of the process, that the Clerk proceed with the application. The councillors consider that an application for designation at this stage as well as the initial application for grants towards the project, will reduce the overall timescale of the project by approximately 8 weeks and will enable greater certainty of costs when presenting the project to residents.

As GWPC has adopted the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities, it keeps it has kept its residents up to date on the above process by publishing its minutes on the Parish Council website [www.greatwaldingfield.onesuffolk.net](http://www.greatwaldingfield.onesuffolk.net) and also publishes the minutes in the village newsletter, Great Waldingfield Village News, which is distributed free to all households in the village.

## 7. Additional joint parish details:

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

## 8. Declaration:

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

Name(s)\*

Date (dd/mm/yy)\*

## Great Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan - Area Designation Application Responses

Dated: 26 July 2017

In order to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, the first formal stage is to designate the Neighbourhood Area [see *the 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 Great Waldingfield Parish Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area to enable the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. A statutory consultation as set out in the above regulations was undertaken between 26 June 2017 and 21 July 2017.

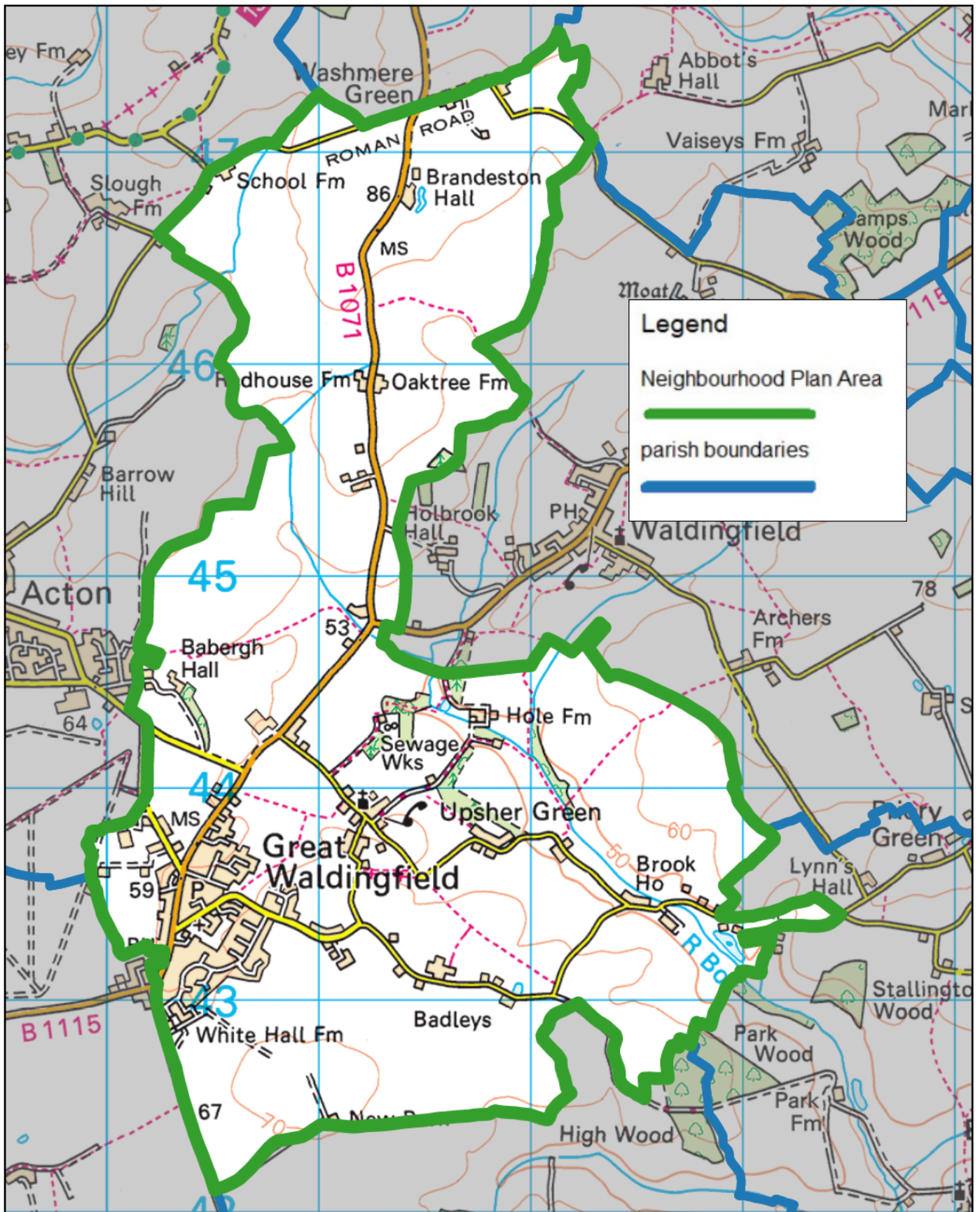
The following comments were received:

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?
23-06-17	Stewart Patience (Strategic & Spatial Planning Manager)	Anglian Water Services Ltd	We have no comments to make at this time, however if the Neighbourhood Plan progresses we would welcome the opportunity to make representations on draft stages on any aspects relevant to Anglian Water.	No further action required.
28-06-17	Edward James (Historic Places Advisor, East of England)	Historic England	<p>No objection to designation but note that NHP Area incorporates a number of designated heritage assets including the Grade I listed Church of St Lawrence, the Grade II* Babergh Hall and 38 other Grade II listed buildings. It will be Important that 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 GWPC engage with BDC Heritage Team &amp; SCC Archaeology Service. The latter look after 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 HER's may also be available on-line via <a href="http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk">www.heritagegateway.org.uk</a> May also be useful for GWPC to involve local voluntary groups such as local Civic Society, history groups, building preservation trusts, etc. in the production of their Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>A full copy of Historic England's response was copied to GWPC for their information.</p>

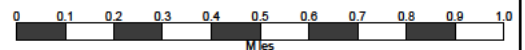
Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?
			<p>NHPs need to include enough information about local heritage to guide planning decisions and to put broader strategic heritage policies from the LAs local plan into action at a neighbourhood scale. If appropriate this should include enough information about local non-designated heritage assets including sites of archaeological interest to guide decisions.</p> <p>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: <a href="http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/">http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/</a></p>	
18-07-17	Leslie Short (Director) <i>obo Mr Oliver</i> (Landowner)	Artisan Planning & Property Services	<p>Response submitted obo local landowner. Consider that the Parish Boundary is the most appropriate boundary for the N/hood Plan.</p> <p>Artisan also instructed to engage with the NP Group and have made direct contact accordingly.</p>	No further action required.
19-07-17	Mr Dave Crimmin (Parish Clerk)	Little Waldingfield Parish Council	<p>LWPC Councillors would like to confirm that they have no comments to make on this application.</p>	No further action required.
20-07-17	Dawn Kinrade (Consultations Team)	Natural England	<p>Response does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed NP area or the proposed NP body but does offer the following general advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Natural England</b> 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.</li> </ul>	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>A full copy of Natural England's response has been forwarded on to the Parish Council.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning policy for the natural environment:</b> 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.</li> </ul> <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>Letter from NE also contained an annex which sets out sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues which GWPC may wish to consider as their NHP is progressed.</p>	

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



Title: Great Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan Area



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