

Place Directorate

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

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

A map identifying the designated area can be viewed at:

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/documents/d/babergh/hartest-np-area-map>

The submission was made under Regulation 5 of the above regulations. Comments were invited on the application between 22nd April until 4pm on 3rd June 2014. As no material objections were received, the Head of Economy can designate the Neighbourhood Area through delegated powers awarded by Full Council.

Under Regulation 7 of the above regulations and following the statutory consultation period, the District Council has designated the application area as a Neighbourhood Area in order to facilitate the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan by Hartest Parish Council.

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5th June 2014

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Welcome, Anonymous

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

District: *

No Parish: *

4. Name of the Neighbourhood Area:

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

Hartest

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:

Please describe below why you considered the extent of the neighbourhood area is appropriate: *

[Empty text box for describing the extent of the area]

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

7. Additional joint parish details:

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

[Empty text box for additional joint parish details]

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) *

09 Dec 2013

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

Hartest Supporting Statement

Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires a statement to explain why the proposed neighbourhood plan area is considered appropriate to be designated.

The neighbourhood plan Area proposed by the Parish Council is appropriate for the following reasons:

The Hartest parish boundary has been proposed as the neighbourhood plan Area as it covers the whole parish of Hartest. In defining the whole Parish it makes the Neighbourhood Plan most understandable to local people. There are no reasons to exclude any part of the Parish. The village is well related to the parish boundary and lies in the centre of parish boundary. The built up areas of the surrounding villages do not abut or cross over the Hartest parish boundary. It is therefore an appropriate and logical existing boundary to use.

Intention of the Hartest neighbourhood plan and further background

The purpose of the plan is to provide an approved, legally recognised, planning document. This will describe how Hartest might develop as a sustainable, mixed, thriving community of residents and businesses over the next 30 years.

The Hartest neighbourhood plan working group intends to use the [Parish Plan](#) produced in 2006 along with the questionnaire from last year as the foundation to the community engagement. The working group is continuing to consider further community engagement. The children of Hartest Primary School are being encouraged to take undertake an Easter holiday project, and a Facebook page will be launched to gather more views. We are proposing an event in conjunction with the village farmer's market and we are looking at ways of involving the older members of the parish.

We recognise there is not a direct mandate from the community regarding Neighbourhood Development Order and Community Right to Build at this point. However as the process is iterative we would like to keep all three options (Neighbourhood Development Plan, Neighbourhood Development order and Community Right to Build Order) available and therefore we have opted to give an and indication to look at all three on application. We do not believe there are any implications for proceeding in this manner.

Parish Council and members of the working group see the need for a Neighbourhood Plan as a positive planning exercise and an opportunity to prepare a visionary masterplan which has at its core the real needs of the local community. The Parish Plan identified a range of issues that were

important to the community, and a Neighbourhood Plan gives us the opportunity to encourage real progress in these areas.

The plan will include a summary of views, needs and planning aspirations of all residents regarding a wide range of aspects of the village environment. It will identify:

- the predominant 'Character' of the various areas within the Parish, including a physical description of surrounding landscapes and the houses;
- the demographic development of the village over the past 30 years and consider likely changes in the future;
- the likely requirements for the range of accommodation needed for a sustainable mixed community of businesses and homes;
- those valued environmental, material and social assets which must be protected;
- possible locations which may provide suitable sites for development and the planning restrictions necessary to protect the character of the village.

While the provision of homes for villagers with a range of needs will be addressed as a key focus of the Plan, it will also consider the transport; education; health and wellbeing; leisure; employment, energy and communications requirements needed to support our community in the future.

Hartest 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 it reflects their majority view. It is intended that the whole community will be invited to take part in a variety of activities to achieve this objective.

Hartest Parish Council has delegated the development of the Plan to a working party consisting of Parish Councillors and residents. The group has a wide range of local knowledge, skills and expertise in creating sustainable living environments. Any other residents can attend formal meetings and others, including non residents, may be invited specifically to add expertise during the process. Details of meetings are available from the Hartest Parish Council neighbourhood plan [webpage](#)

A summary report of the questionnaire and the terms of reference of the working group is available on Hartest Parish Council neighbourhood plan [webpage](#)

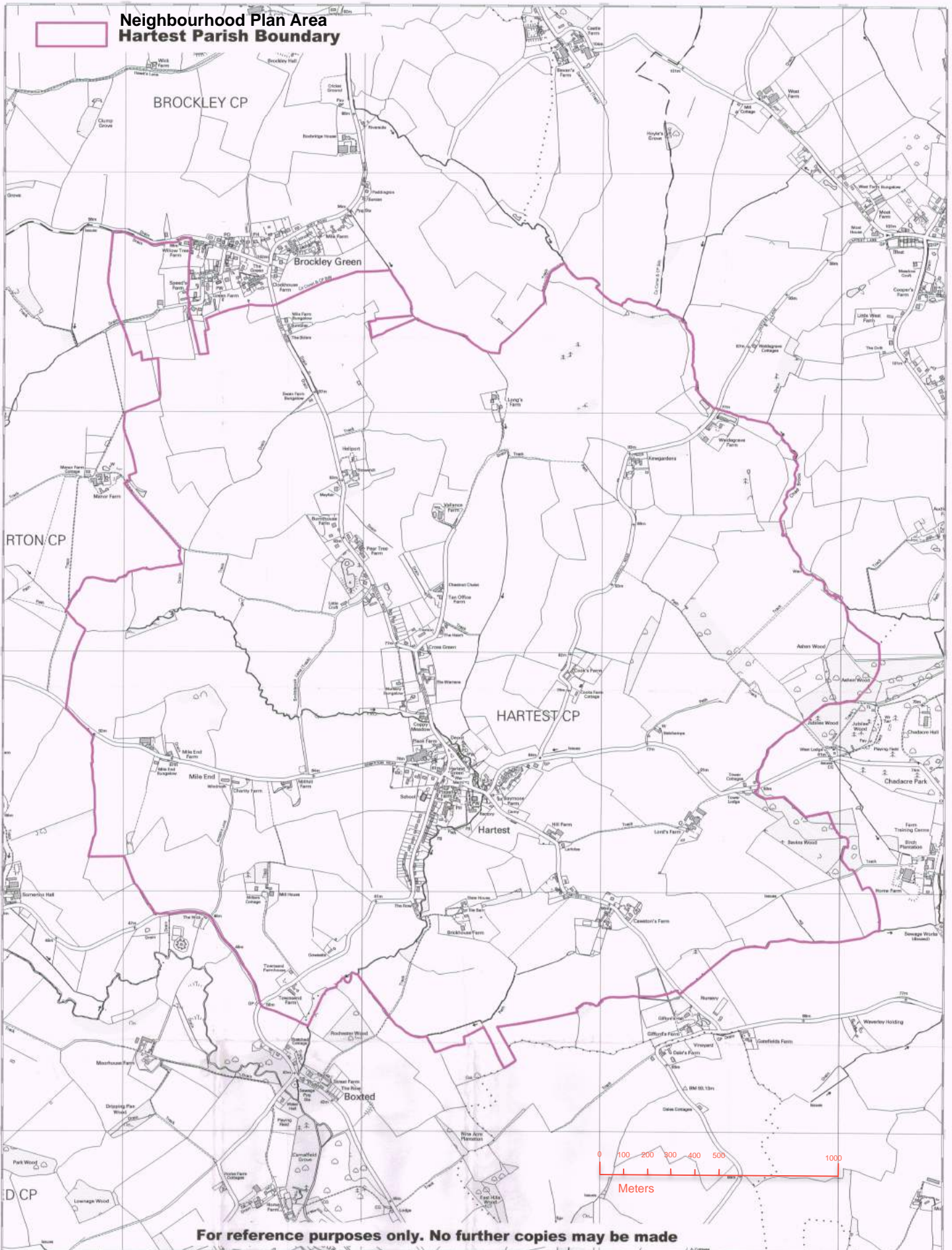
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Nick Price

Co-opted member of Hartest Parish Council

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**Neighbourhood Plan Area
Hartest Parish Boundary**



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Hartest Neighbourhood Area Designation Application Responses

June 2014

In order to prepare a neighbourhood plan, the first formal stage is to designate the Neighbourhood Area (see Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012). The 'qualifying body' (the town or parish council) has to apply to Babergh District Council to designate a neighbourhood area, stating its reasons and submit a map of the proposed area.

Babergh District Council received an application from Hartest 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 sections 5 – 8, was undertaken by Babergh District Council from 22nd April until 4pm on 03rd June 2014. The following comments were received:

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Comments	Action required?
22/04/2014	Sue Bull	Anglian Water	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the area designation. However, we have no comment to make at this stage. Once the neighbourhood plan area is established and the plan progresses we will be pleased to make comment on the draft.	No
22/04/2014	Cllr R Kemp	Babergh District Council	Full support.	No
24/04/2014	David Grech	English Heritage	No objection to this designation. However, given the very large numbers of designated heritage assets within Hartest, and the designated conservation area, in the event that the parish council is granted this status we would request that you remind the Parish Council that English Heritage has a statutory role in the development plan process, and that there is a duty to consult English Heritage where our interests are considered to be affected. We can then provide specific advice concerning the inclusion of the historic environment in their plan.	No

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Comments	Action required?
			<p>Of course the nature of the locally-led neighbourhood plan process is that the community itself should determine its own agenda based on the issues it is concerned about. At that same time, as a national organisation able increasingly to draw upon our experiences of neighbourhood planning exercises across the country, our input, agreed on a case by case basis, can help those communities reflect upon the special (heritage) qualities which can define their area to best ensure that optimum and sustainable outcomes are achieved.</p> <p>To this end information of our website might be of initial assistance http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/get-involved/improve-your-neighbourhood/</p> <p>2024 Note: The link shown above is no longer valid. The nearest equivalent is now published by Historic England: https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/improve-your-neighbourhood/first-steps/</p>	
27/05/2014	Dawn Presutti	Natural England	<p>Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Plans where the Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum considers our interests would be affected by the proposals. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders where proposals are likely to affect a Site of Special Scientific Interest or 20 hectares or more of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land. We must also be consulted on</p>	No

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Comments	Action required?
			<p>Strategic Environmental Assessments, Habitats Regulations Assessment screening and Environmental Impact Assessments, where these are required. Your local planning authority will be able to advise you further on environmental requirements.</p> <p>The following is offered as general advice which may be of use in the preparation of your plan. Natural England, together with the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Forestry Commission has published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans and development proposals. This is available at: http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0212BWAZ-E-E[dot]pdf</p> <p>2024 Note: The link shown above is no longer valid. The nearest equivalent can currently be found on the Locality website: https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/consider-environment-neighbourhood-plans/</p> <p>Local environmental record centres hold a range of information on the natural environment. A list of local records centre is available at: http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php</p> <p>2024 Note: The link shown above is no longer valid. The nearest equivalent is: LERC-finder - ALERC - Association of Local Environmental Records Centres</p> <p>BDC – The general advice provided [2014] was passed on to Hartest Town Council.</p>	

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Comments	Action required?
02/06/2014	Mr H Hirst	Hartest Resident	Hartest is unsuitable for further housing of any description.	No – Issues to be considered through the NP process incl. conformity with Babergh District Council's Core Strategy.
03/06/2014	James Cutting	Suffolk County Council	<p>Thank you for consulting Suffolk County Council on the matter of designating a neighbourhood plan area for a future Hartest Neighbourhood Plan. The County Council has no objection to the area as proposed in your letter dated 22 April. However, as the plan is developed, appropriate consideration will need to be given to the impacts of proposals on other parishes in the locality.</p> <p>The Plan may or may not impact on County Council service responsibilities, depending on what the Parish Council is seeking to achieve. If the Plan is likely to impact on any of the County Council's services, such as transport or education (in particular), we would welcome the opportunity to discuss the Parish Council's proposals.</p> <p>Relevant County Council services include: Highways and transport / Education (including pre-schools) / Surface Water Management / Social Care / Archaeology / Fire and rescue / Libraries / Waste Infrastructure</p> <p>Please contact me or my colleague Robert Feakes via the contact details above, if we can be of assistance</p>	No
03/06/2014	Mr J Ives	Hartest Resident	With reference to the submission from Hartest Parish Council to designate an area that is appropriate to be covered by future neighbourhood plans for new homes, business and community uses, I would like to submit these comments before the consultation period finishes today at 4pm.	No – Issues to be considered through the NP process.

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Comments	Action required?
			<p>We live on Blind Lane which is just off The Row at the end of the village on your way to Boxted. It is an unadopted lane which is used by walkers, horses and vehicles, there are six houses along this lane.</p> <p>I would like to ensure before the decision making process that the Council update the drainage system in the village. It cannot cope as it is. We have lived here for 9 years and every year we have experienced flooding in our garage, when it has rained heavily, because the drains are blocked on The Row. The council created a soak away one year coming from Boxted end and along Blind Lane. However this was piped incorrectly and more water came into our garage than ever before. They then had to come back and put it right. This soak away has not improved this situation we experience.</p> <p>I also would like you to consider the river which is at the bottom of most houses on the left side of the green, The Row and Blind Lane. In most recent winters that has become extremely high. New homes will have a knock on effect of this too.</p>	

As no material objections were received, using delegated powers, the Head of Economy can designate the Hartest Neighbourhood Area to allow the community's plan to proceed to the next stage.