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Town & Country Planning Act 1990

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Babergh District Council received an application from Little 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 at:

www.babergh.gov.uk/LittleWaldingfieldNP

The application was made under Regulation 5 and comments were invited between Friday 10 February 2017 and Friday 10 March 2017

Four 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 Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation Application Responses

13 March 2017

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 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 Little Waldingfield 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 Babergh District Council between Friday 10 February 2017 and Friday 10 March 2017

The following comments were received:

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?
21-02-17	Hannah Wilson (Planning Liaison Manager)	Anglian Water Services Ltd	No comments to make at this time but look forward to working with the Neighbourhood Plan group in the future.	No further action required.
22-02-17	Richard Sykes (Consultations Team)	Natural England	<p>Response offers the following general advice which may be of use in the preparation of their plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NE 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. • Planning policy for the natural environment: 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. <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>No further action required.</p> <p>A full copy of Natural England's response has been forwarded to the Parish Council.</p>

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			<p>Letter from NE also contained an annex which sets out sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues [the qualifying body] may wish to consider as the NHP is progressed.</p>	
03-03-17	Natalie Gates (Principle Historic Places Team)	Historic England	<p>No objection to designation but note NHP Area incorporates a number of designated heritage assets incl'. Little Waldingfield Conservation Area, the Grade I listed Church of St Lawrence and 23 Grade II listed structures. Will be important that the 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 LWPC engage with Babergh Heritage Team & SCC Archaeology Service. The latter look after the 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 Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via www.heritagegateway.org.uk. May also be useful for LWPC to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society, local history groups, building preservation trusts, etc. in the production of their Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <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 style="text-align: right;"><i>Cont ...</i></p>	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>A full copy of Historic England's response was copied to LWPC for their information.</p>

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			<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: http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/</p>											
09-03-17	Barbara Adamski (Planning Officer - Policy)	Suffolk County Council	<p>No objection to area as proposed. As the plan is developed, appropriate consideration will need to be given to the impacts of proposals on other parishes in the locality. The Plan may or may not impact on SCC service responsibilities, depending on what the qualifying body 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 at an early stage in the plan's preparation. Potentially relevant county council services include:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="819 943 1691 1121"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Archaeology</td> <td>Libraries</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education</td> <td>Minerals and Waste</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fire and Rescue</td> <td>Natural Environment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flooding</td> <td>Public Rights of Way</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health and Wellbeing</td> <td>Transport</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Archaeology	Libraries	Education	Minerals and Waste	Fire and Rescue	Natural Environment	Flooding	Public Rights of Way	Health and Wellbeing	Transport	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>A full copy of Suffolk County Council's response has been forwarded to the Parish Council.</p>
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As no material representations were received the Assistant Director - Planning for Growth may accordingly designate the Neighbourhood Area under powers delegated by Full Council.

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:*

Little Walingfield Parish Council (LWPC) resolved at its meeting on 26th January 2017 to make an application to designate a neighbourhood area and that the Little Walingfield Parish Boundary to be the extent of the area. The area proposed by LWPC 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?*

Little Waldingfield Parish Council initiated the community led planning process via a public meeting on Saturday 24th September 2016, to which over 60 village residents came to hear a presentation by councillors. They began by explaining some of the pressures on our village, including the current shortfall of new house building in the area. To be able to influence future development, in terms of what, where and how, four alternative community-led planning options were available, with increasing degrees of community involvement and concomitant legal affect:

- Village Design Statement e.g. Wotham
- Village Plan e.g. Baylham
- Parish Plan e.g. Bacton
- Neighbourhood Plan e.g. Lavenham

Many questions were fielded from the floor, clearly demonstrating the passion villagers have for the village and a determination to be involved in its future development. At the end, a straw poll showed overwhelming support for a Neighbourhood Plan, even though this will require the greatest degree of volunteer commitment and time to prepare / take the draft plan through all necessary examination and approval steps.

In November 2016, all residents of the parish were leafleted with details of four possible community-led plans, with a ballot form with five choices attached. 81 forms being returned from around 160 dwellings. A total of 151 votes were cast, from a population of around 360 residents', including children, with the votes cast as follows:

- Village Design Statement: 2 votes
- Village Plan: 4 votes
- Parish Plan: 7 votes
- Neighbourhood Plan: 132 votes, which equates to 87.4% of the votes cast
- Do Nothing: 6 votes

At the LWPC meeting held on the 26th January 2017, the councillors reviewed outcomes of their meetings with Bill Newman (Babergh District Council) and Carroll Reeve (Lavenham Parish Council chairman), held to better understand the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Councillors resolved that Little Waldingfield's Neighbourhood Plan should proceed as follows:

- The Little Waldingfield Parish Boundary will define the geographical scope of the NP area i.e. No parts of the parish to be excluded.
- The constitution and composition of the NP Steering Group will be decided once the NP area has been designated and after a meeting with volunteers.
- The Clerk will formally apply to Babergh District Council for the NP area to be designated.

7. Additional joint parish details:

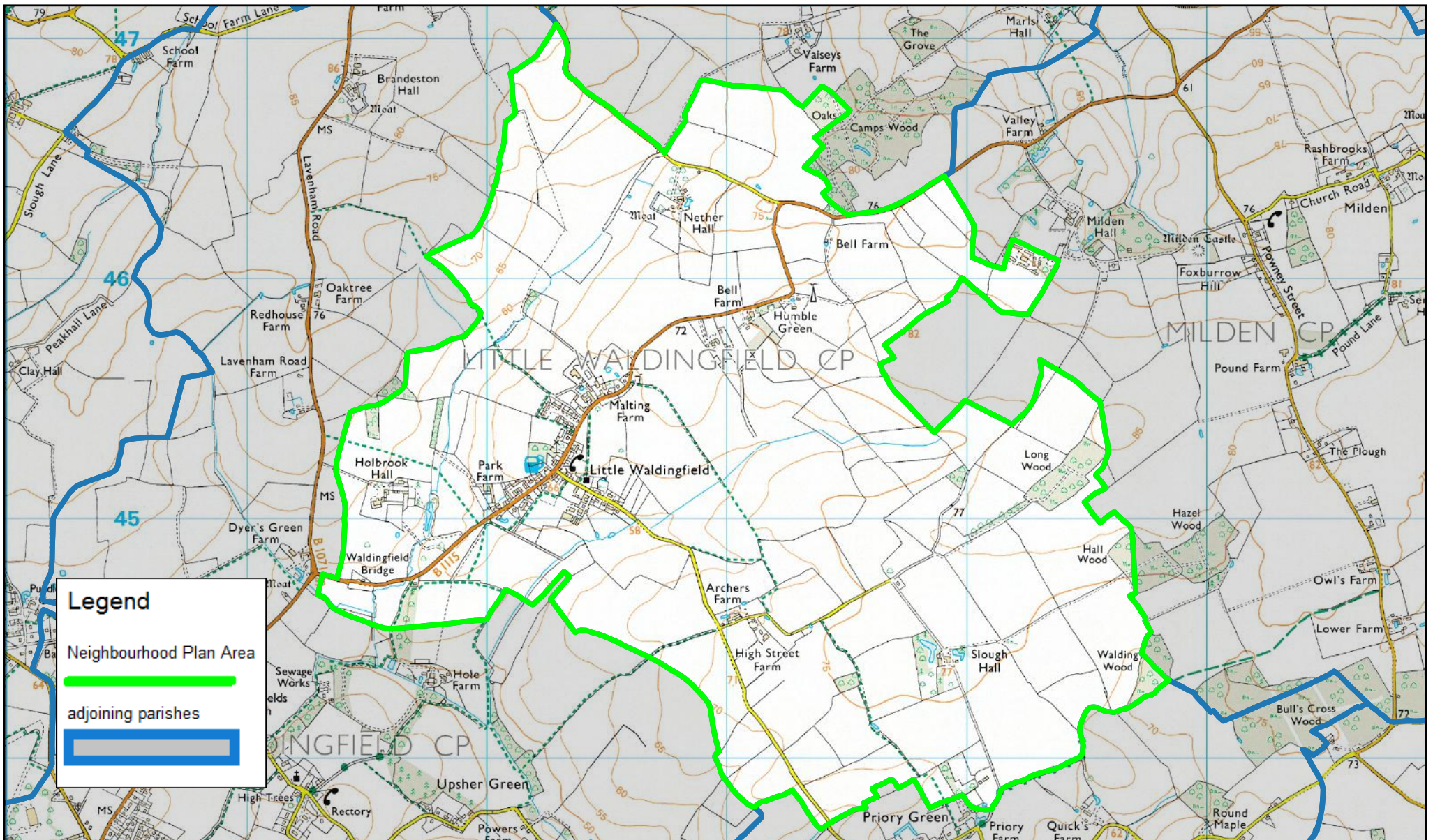
If you are applying with an adjoining parish or parishes please give the clerk's details for each parish:

8. Declaration:

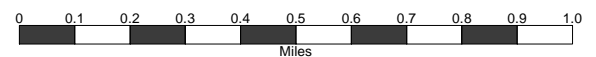
I/we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and the accompanying plan.

Name(s)*


Date (dd/mm/yy)*



Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan Area



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