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Town & Country Planning Act 1990

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Babergh District Council received an application from Long Melford 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/LongMelfordNP

The application was made under Regulation 5 and comments were invited between Friday 13 January 2017 and Friday 10 February 2017

Nine 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 Long Melford Parish Council.

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Long Melford Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation Application Responses

22 February 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 Long Melford 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 13 January 2017 and Friday 10 February 2017.

The following comments were received:

| Date | Consultee Name | Consultee Organisation | Summary of Comments | Action required? |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 12-01-17 | Cllr Richard Kemp | Suffolk County Council | Agrees with the process. Confirms that he is also a member of LMPC. | No further action required. |
| 15-01-17 | Mr Simpson | Local Resident | Comments do not refer specifically to the appropriateness or otherwise of the area proposed but, instead, refer to 'tourism' and 'housing' matters. | No further action required. Copy of response passed to LMPC for information. |
| 16-01-17 | Alice Watson (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"> 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 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. <u>Planning policy for the natural environment</u>: NDPs and NDOs 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. | No further action required. Full copy of NE's response forwarded to LMPC. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [The Qualifying Body] should also consider the natural environment policies in the area's Local Plan. The NHP or NDO should be consistent with these, and the [qualifying body] may decide that the NHP should provide more detail as to how some of these policies apply or are interpreted locally. • Provide an annex listing sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues that the qualifying body may wish to consider as they develop their NHP or NDO. | |
| 28-01-17 | Mr Turner | Local Resident | Fully supports the Parish Council's application to include the whole parish boundary in this exercise. This will include part of the proposed Chilton Woods development site and part of the Stafford Works site off Clare Road, Long Melford. | No further action required. |
| 07-02-17 | Jane Bellward (Parish Clerk) | Lavenham Parish Council | Lavenham PC has no comment to make other than the area designated on the plan appears to be acceptable and appropriate. | No further action required. |
| 07-02-17 | Steven King (Historic Places Advisor) | Historic England | No objection to designation but in their response, provide initial advice on both 'designated' & 'non-designated' heritage assets, and on accessing the Historic Environment Records. Response also includes a link to further guidance published by HE on how heritage can best be incorporated into NHPs (see here). | No further action required. A full copy of HE's response was also sent to LMPC for their information. |
| 08-02-17 | Hannah Wilson (Planning Liaison Manager) | Anglian Water Services Ltd | Have any comments to make at this time, however, [they] look forward to working with the neighbourhood plan group in the future | No further action required. |
| 08-02-17 | Mr McDonald | Local Resident | Agrees with boundary proposed for the NHP for Long Melford | No further action required. |
| 10-02-17 | Barbara Adamski (Planning Officer - Policy) | Suffolk County Council | SCC has no objection to the area as proposed. However, as the plan is developed, appropriate consideration will need to be given to the impacts of proposals on other parishes in the locality. | No further action required. |

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| | | | <p>The Plan may or may not impact on SCC service responsibilities, depending on what the Parish Council is seeking to achieve. If the plan is likely to impact on any of the 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="815 544 1691 730"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="815 544 1252 592">Highways and transport</td> <td data-bbox="1252 544 1691 592">Archaeology</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="815 592 1252 639">Education (incl. pre-schools)</td> <td data-bbox="1252 592 1691 639">Fire and Rescue</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="815 639 1252 687">Surface Water Management</td> <td data-bbox="1252 639 1691 687">Libraries</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="815 687 1252 730">Social Care</td> <td data-bbox="1252 687 1691 730">Waste Infrastructure</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Highways and transport | Archaeology | Education (incl. pre-schools) | Fire and Rescue | Surface Water Management | Libraries | Social Care | Waste Infrastructure | |
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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:*

The whole parish boundary area will form the defined area. This is intended to give the Neighbourhood Plan flexibility in where development for housing and economic development will take place. There is also scope to work with other authorities on existing planning applications to incorporate them within Long Melfords Draft Neighbourhood Plan. This may be especially helpful where development has stalled and new input and insight may help bring them forward. We will be looking at common policies and aims for this area within the Local Plan and also developing clear objectives and policies for the village. We see this as an enabling exercise with the space and flexibility to accommodate the communities aspirations for Long Melford's long term future.

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?*

A public meeting held on August 31st at the Old School, agreed to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan with the parish boundary as the defined area. This was followed up by approval at the Parish Council Meeting on 3rd November and the establishment of a working group to take the plan forward.

7. Additional joint parish details:

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

N/A

8. Declaration:

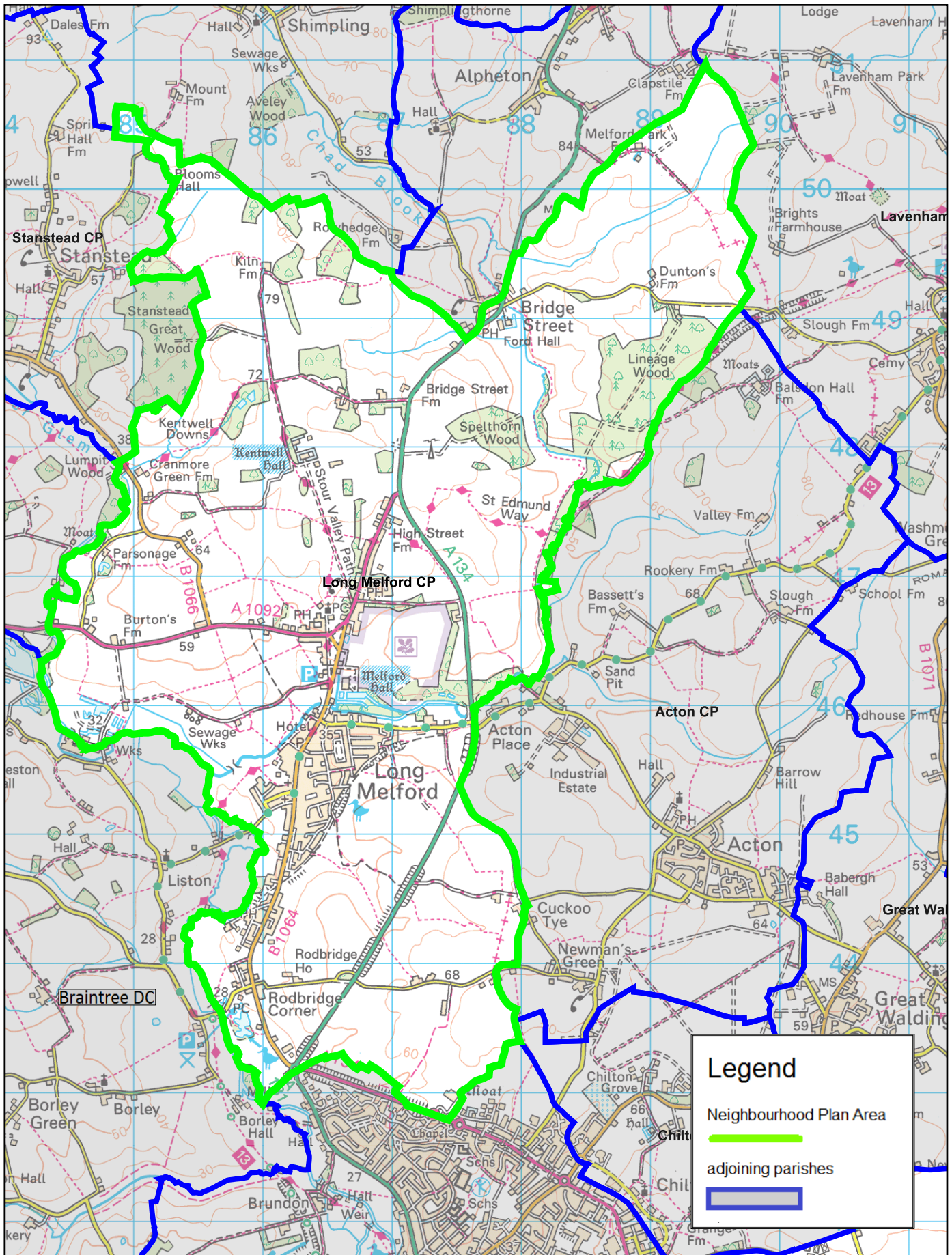
I/we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and the accompanying plan.

Name(s)*

Jayne Cole

Date (dd/mm/yy)*

16 Dec 2016



Long Melford Neighbourhood Plan Area

Legend

- Neighbourhood Plan Area
- adjoining parishes



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