

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

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

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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: communityplanning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

* Indicates a mandatory field

1. Parish Clerk details	
* Title	Ms
* First Name	Deborah
* Last Name	Sarson
* Property name / no.	Council Offices
* Address 1	11-12 Market Hill
* Address 2	
* Address 3	
* Town	Diss
* County	Norfolk
* Postcode	IP22 4JZ
* Email	deborah.sarson@diss.gov.uk

2. Additional contact (if different)	
Title	
First Name	
Last Name	
Property name or no.	
Address 1	
Address 2	
Address 3	
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Email:	

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

* District: Mid Suffolk
Parish: Diss (as the lead body for the seven parishes)

4. Name of the Neighbourhood Area:

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

Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan

5. Extent of the area:

Please indicate below and attach an OS plan showing the intended extent of the area: *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Whole parish boundary area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Part of the parish |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Joint with neighbouring parishes |

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 surrounding parishes look to Diss for most of their services, shops and traders and for employment and public transport. Diss in turn can only thrive with the support of those living in the surrounding area. The smaller parishes would like to have a say about where and how development happens in their areas, but could not develop a Neighbourhood Plan on their own. By working collectively we can protect the key interests of each community whilst taking a more strategic approach to infrastructure needs by devising a plan for the whole area for the benefit of all. It will ensure that future development has a positive outcome for our communities and identify appropriate and adequate infrastructure to deliver sustainable and economic growth.

The proposed Area comprises those Parishes either contiguous with Diss or closely associated with the market town and nearby transport links. These form a neat bloc of which to the south and west, Palgrave and Roydon and to the north Burston & Shimpling wished to be included but The Heywood (a Parish Meeting) did not. Brome & Oakley recognised the benefit of being associated with Diss and neatly complements Scole to the north; Stuston (a Parish Meeting) was keen to participate but Thrandeston considered itself too small and remote. At a very late stage Wortham & Burgate expressed an interest but was unable to consult with its electorate in time and so has not made any firm decision either way.

The proposed Area comprises 6 Local Councils and one Parish Meeting (Stuston). The agreed Governance and Procedural arrangements provide for Diss Town Council to act as the relevant lead authority on behalf of all Local Councils including the Parish Meeting and the umbrella Steering Group will embrace all participants.

6. Intention of Neighbourhood Area:

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area: *

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Neighbourhood Development Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Neighbourhood Development Order |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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? *

Submission of this application follows a defined consultation period during which each local council directly engaged with its community through the Annual Meeting, by presentations, discussion forums, distribution of an explanatory leaflet and further information disseminated through local publications. This in-depth community engagement was undertaken with the specific intent of explaining what a Neighbourhood Plan is, how developing one collectively will benefit all concerned and resulted in a specific decision by each community to proceed with it, actively supported by each local council or meeting.

The resulting Draft Neighbourhood Plan may make proposals for one or more Neighbourhood Development Orders and/or Community Right to Build Orders should either prove appropriate.

Preparation of the Plan will be under the guidance and direction of a Steering Group, comprised of representatives of each participant and operating within a governance and procedural framework that has also been approved by each Local Council and the Parish Meeting – this will be available on the Neighbourhood Plan website once set up. In the meantime, a copy is provided with this application.

7. Additional joint parishes:

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

Burston & Shimpling: Ann Baker, burstonshimplingpc@gmail.com
Brome & Oakley: Sarah Foote, bromeandoakleypc@hotmail.co.uk
Palgrave: Sarah Foote, palgravepc@gmail.com
Roydon: Gareth Roderick-Jones, roydon.pc@tiscali.co.uk
Scole: Sarah Campbell, clerk@scoleparish.org.uk
Stuston: Richard Dear, stustonparish@gmail.com (Parish Meeting)

8. Declaration:

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

Name(s) *	Deborah Sarson
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Date (dd/mm/yy) *	01/06/17
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