

Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation Application Responses

23 August 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 the relevant Local Planning Authority to designate a neighbourhood area - stating its reasons why and submitting a map of the proposed area.

As the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan covers not just the town of Diss but a number of adjacent parishes both north and south of the county boundary, a joint application was made by Diss Town Council to both South Norfolk Council and Mid Suffolk District Council for and on behalf of the following ... in South Norfolk ... Diss Town Council, Roydon Parish Council, Burston & Shimpling Parish Council and, Scole Parish Council ... and in Mid-Suffolk ... Palgrave Parish Council, Stuston Parish Meeting and, Brome & Oakley Parish Council] to designate the whole area.

A statutory consultation as set out in the above regulations was undertaken by both local authorities between Fri 16 June 2017 & Mon 31 July 2017.

The following comments were submitted to both South Norfolk Council and Mid Suffolk District Council:

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?
16-06-17	Stewart Patience (Strategic & Spatial Planning Manager)	Anglian Water Services Ltd	No comments to make at this time but would welcome the opportunity to make representations on draft stages of the DDNP on any aspects relevant to Anglian Water.	No further action required at this stage.
20-07-17	Robert Feakes (Senior Planning & Growth Officer)	Suffolk County Council	<p>SCC does not object 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. In this respect, the Plan is likely to be more complex than most, given the need to work across administrative boundaries.</p> <p>SCC will work with authorities in Norfolk to help advise on the infrastructure implications of this Plan. Careful consideration will also need to be given to the relationship with the emerging Mid Suffolk Local Plan.</p> <p>The Plan may or may not impact on SCC service responsibilities, depending on what the Town and Parish Councils are seeking to achieve. If the plan is likely to impact on any County Council services, such as transport or education (in particular), we would welcome the opportunity to discuss proposals at an early stage in the Plan's preparation. Potentially relevant services include:</p>	<p>SCC's offer work with authorities in Norfolk to help advise on the infrastructure implications of this Plan are noted.</p> <p>No further action required at this stage.</p>

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23-07-17	Sarah Foote (Parish Clerk)	Palgrave Parish Council	As a participating Local Council, we fully support the area designation and look forward to the Neighbourhood Plan process being able to progress.	No further action required at this stage.										

The following comments were submitted to South Norfolk Council:

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21-06-17	Jacquie Salt (Consultations Team)	Natural England	<p>NE make no comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area / proposed NP body but do offer the following general advice which may be of use in developing the 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. <u>Planning policy for the natural environment</u>: NDPs and NDOs present significant opportunities, but also potential risks, for the natural environment. Proposals should be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. The key principles are set out in paragraph 109. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cont...</i></p>	<p>No further action required at this stage.</p> <p>A full copy of NCC's response has been fwd to the DDNP Working Group for their information</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NP body should also consider the natural environment policies in the area's Local Plan. The NHP should be consistent with these, and the NP body may decide that the emerging NP 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. 	
28-06-17	Stephen Faulkner (Principal Infrastructure & Economic Growth Planner)	Norfolk County Council	<p>Thank you for consulting [NCC] on the proposed Area Designation. The officer-level comments below are made on a without prejudice basis and the County Council reserves the right to make further comments on any emerging NP.</p> <p>While [NCC] does not have any objection to the proposed Area Designation, it is felt that the Town and Parish Council's in preparing the Joint Neighbourhood Plan will need to:</p> <p>(a) Ensure that cross-boundary issues are fully taken into account in the preparation of the Plan (e.g. both Norfolk and Suffolk County Council's will need to be consulted on, for example: transport; minerals and waste; flood risk/drainage; historic environment; and Green Infrastructure etc.;</p> <p>(b) Work closely with key infrastructure providers on infrastructure and service provision to enable effective and timely delivery; and</p> <p>(c) Work closely with both Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils and the relevant Local Planning Authorities.</p>	<p>No further action required at this stage.</p> <p>A full copy of NCC's response has been fwd to the DDNP Working Group for their information.</p>
11-07-17	John Hiskett (Senior Conservation Officer)	Norfolk Wildlife Trust	<p>NWT are pleased to see that the boundary of the proposed NP covers a number of parishes around the town. This should enable consideration of how green infrastructure and ecological networks may contribute towards the plan. We support the proposed boundary.</p>	<p>No further action required at this stage.</p>

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23-07-17	Cllr Spratt (West Depwade Division)	Norfolk County Council	This is a good idea but can you please ensure that there is scope for self build and that brown field sites are register[ed].	No further action required at this stage.
24-07-17	Sarah Foote (Parish Clerk)	Brome & Oakley PC	Brome & Oakley, as one of the local councils, included in the area designation are happy to support this plan area.	No further action required at this stage.
28-07-17	Megan Pashley (Senior Policy Researcher)	Gladman Developments Ltd	<p>Submitted a detailed response which highlights a number of key requirements to which the emerging DDNP should have regard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>it must meet the Basic Conditions,</i> • <i>it must have regard to NPPF & NPPG, incl' taking into account the latest and most up-to-date evidence of housing need,</i> • <i>it should be flexible enough to ensure that any policies are not overridden on the adoption of [relevant emerging local plans]</i> • <i>it should plan positively for new development, and add value to policies set out in Local Plan and national guidance,</i> • <i>it should be mindful of any need / requirement to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).</i> <p>Respondent also extended an offer of assistance to the Parish Council in the preparation of their neighbourhood plan.</p>	<p>No further action required at this stage.</p> <p>A full copy of Gladman's response has been fwd to the DDNP Working Group for their information.</p>

As no material representations were received ...

- With regards to South Norfolk, the 'Director of Planning and Environment' may accordingly designate that part of the application area which falls within their district under powers delegated by Full Council.
- With regards to Mid Suffolk, the 'Assistant Director - Planning for Growth' may accordingly designate that part of the application area which falls within their district under powers delegated by Full Council.

Consequently, the whole area is now designated.