

Great Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan - Area Designation Application Responses

Dated: 26 July 2017

In order to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, the first formal stage is to designate the Neighbourhood Area [see *the 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 Great Waldingfield Parish Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area to enable the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. A statutory consultation as set out in the above regulations was undertaken between 26 June 2017 and 21 July 2017.

The following comments were received:

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?
23-06-17	Stewart Patience (Strategic & Spatial Planning Manager)	Anglian Water Services Ltd	We have no comments to make at this time, however if the Neighbourhood Plan progresses we would welcome the opportunity to make representations on draft stages on any aspects relevant to Anglian Water.	No further action required.
28-06-17	Edward James (Historic Places Advisor, East of England)	Historic England	<p>No objection to designation but note that NHP Area incorporates a number of designated heritage assets including the Grade I listed Church of St Lawrence, the Grade II* Babergh Hall and 38 other Grade II listed buildings. It will be Important that 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 GWPC engage with BDC Heritage Team & SCC Archaeology Service. The latter look after 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 HER's may also be available on-line via www.heritagegateway.org.uk May also be useful for GWPC to involve local voluntary groups such as local Civic Society, history groups, building preservation trusts, etc. in the production of their Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>A full copy of Historic England's response was copied to GWPC for their information.</p>

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			<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>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>	
18-07-17	Leslie Short (Director) <i>obo Mr Oliver</i> (Landowner)	Artisan Planning & Property Services	<p>Response submitted obo local landowner. Consider that the Parish Boundary is the most appropriate boundary for the N/hood Plan.</p> <p>Artisan also instructed to engage with the NP Group and have made direct contact accordingly.</p>	No further action required.
19-07-17	Mr Dave Crimmin (Parish Clerk)	Little Waldingfield Parish Council	<p>LWPC Councillors would like to confirm that they have no comments to make on this application.</p>	No further action required.
20-07-17	Dawn Kinrade (Consultations Team)	Natural England	<p>Response does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed NP area or the proposed NP body but does offer the following general advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural England 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. 	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>A full copy of Natural England's response has been forwarded on to the Parish Council.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Letter from NE also contained an annex which sets out sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues which GWPC may wish to consider as their NHP is progressed.</p>	

As no material representations were received the Assistant Director - Planning for Growth may accordingly designate the Neighbourhood Area under powers delegated by Full Council.