

# Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

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

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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 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)\*