



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION NOTICE

ASSINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Babergh District Council received an application from Assington Parish Council (the 'Relevant Body') to designate the whole of the parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on the 26 June 2018.

The application was made under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). A copy of the application and a map which identifies the area to which this relates can be found on the District Council website at:

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/AssingtonNP>

Regulation 5A states that ... “where (1)(a) a local planning authority receives an area application from a parish council” *and* (1)(b) the area specified in the application consists of the whole of the parish council’s area, (2) the local planning authority must exercise their powers under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to designate the specified area as a neighbourhood area.”

Regulations 6 and 6A relating to publicising an area application do not apply in this instance. Therefore, in accordance with Regulation 5A (2) and 7 (1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Babergh District Council hereby give notice that it has designated Assington Parish as a Neighbourhood Area in order to facilitate the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan by Assington Parish Council.

Tom Barker

Assistant Director - Planning for Growth
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council

Dated: 29 June 2018



Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

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

Parish clerk details

Title	Mrs
First name	Jane
Last name	Hatton
Property name/number	8
Address line 1	Prospect Hill
Address line 2	
Town/Village	Gt Cornard
County	SUFFOLK
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Additional contact details (if different)

Title	Ms
First name	Helen
Last name	Wallace
Property name/number	
Address line 1	
Address line 2	
Town/Village	Assington
County	Suffolk
Postcode	██████████
Email address	████████████████████

Relevant body

Confirmation that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with the regulations	Yes
District	Babergh District Council
Parish	Assington
If adjacent LA/Parish was selected these details have been provided	
Name of neighbourhood area	
Name by which the neighbourhood area will formally be known	Assington Neighbourhood Plan
Extent of the area	
Intended extent of the area	Whole parish boundary area
Is assistance with an OS plan required	No
To satisfy Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 the following statement has been provided to explain why the area being proposed is considered appropriate:	
<p>Assington Parish Council organised the first public consultation meeting to discuss the development of a Neighbourhood Plan on 12 March 2018, 16 residents attended. Discussion took place regarding the designated area and whether to go alone or join with neighbouring villages. Support was given in principle to the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the whole area within Assington Parish Boundary as Assington is a small village and has an inclusive approach in all they do. Also an individual plan for Assington was seen as the best option to enable more control of the process and set the pace of work. A wider consultation process was then organised which allowed all households to vote for or against the development of a Neighbourhood Plan and at a full Community Consultation meeting on 14 May 2018 in which 41 residents attended the above was endorsed to designate the area within Assington Parish Boundary. Using the parish boundary is logical as it is both understandable to villagers and will conform to the electoral base that will be consulted later for the Assington Parish referendum.</p>	
Intention of neighbourhood area	
The following is intended to be undertaken within the neighbourhood area	Neighbourhood Development Plan
Support provided for this choice:	

Assington Parish Council has included Neighbourhood Planning as an agenda items at most of their meetings since the beginning of 2017. Bill Newman (Babergh and Mid- Suffolk corporate manager) was invited to a Parish Council meeting on 13 June 2017 to update on the emerging "Local Plan " and the concept and benefits of community led plans and those present had an opportunity to ask questions . At a Parish Council meeting on 29 January 2018 Carroll Reeve (Chair of Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan) was invited to speak about the experiences of Lavenham in developing their Neighbourhood Development Plan . This was well attended and residents took part in a question and answer session and support was building for the development of a plan for Assington. The Parish Council then began a public consultation process as mentioned previously with meetings on 12 March and 14 May where the residents were allowed to give their views, listen to guest speakers from Newton Parish Council and vote. From these meetings 16 residents have volunteered to take the work of a Neighbourhood Plan forward and met for the first working group meeting on 18 June. Further to this a Parish councillor representative attended James Cartlidge MP meeting at Hadleigh Town Hall on 20 April 2018 of South Suffolk parishes and brought back information to the Parish Council from those parishes who have had plans adopted by Babergh Council or are in the process of developing Neighbourhood plans and with the strong message of support for Neighbourhood Plans.

Adjoining parish clerk details (multi-parish areas)

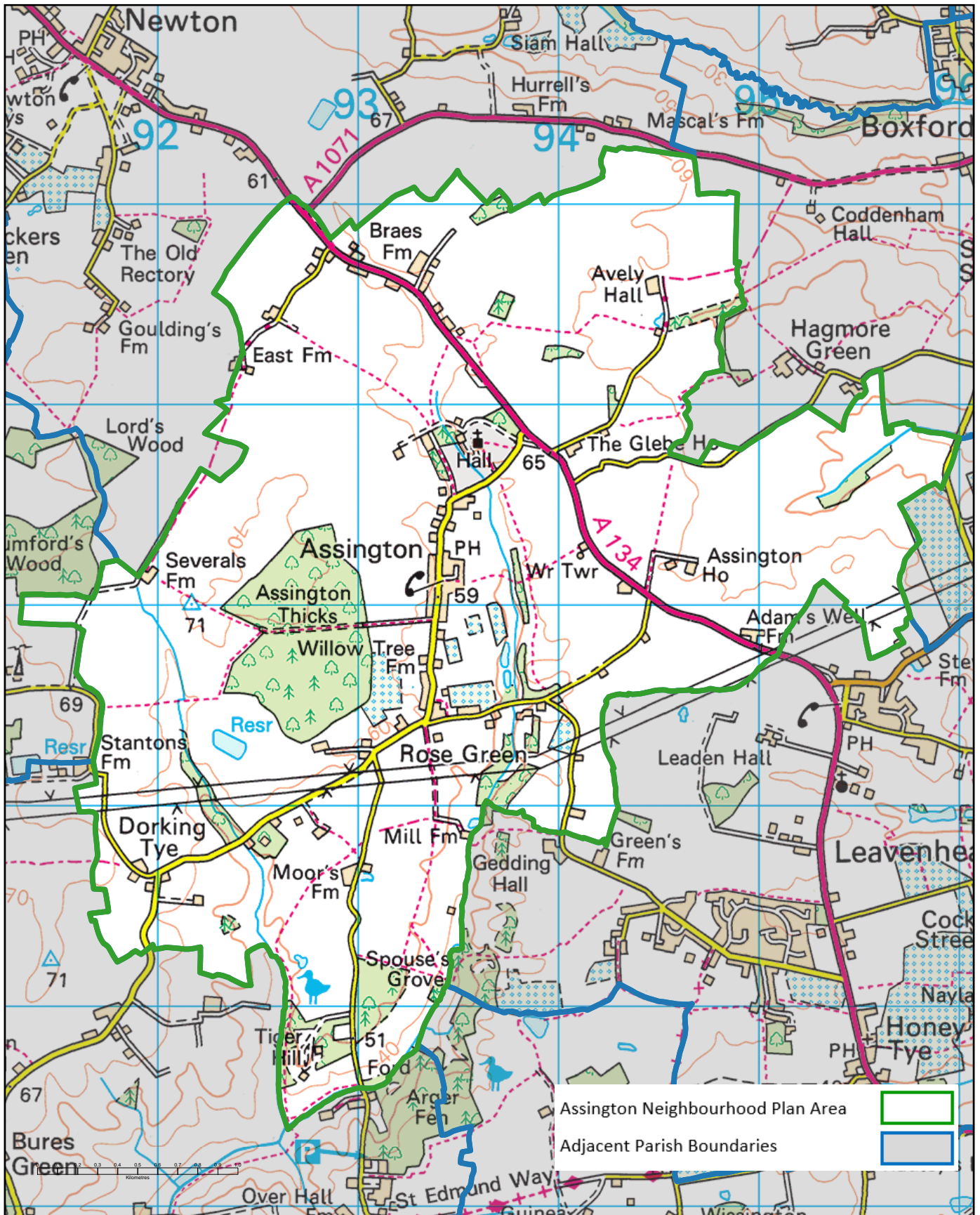
Details of adjoining parish or parishes clerk details if provided	N/A
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Declaration

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

Name(s)	Jane Hatton
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Date	26/06/2018
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Assington Neighbourhood Plan Area



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