

## Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation Application Responses

11 May 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 relevant Local Planning Authority to designate a neighbourhood area, stating its reasons and submitting a map of the proposed area.

Mid Suffolk District Council received an application from Rickinghall Parish Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area covering the parishes of Rickinghall Inferior, Rickinghall Superior and the parish of Botesdale to enable the production of a joint Neighbourhood Plan. A statutory consultation as set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) was undertaken by Mid Suffolk District Council between Wednesday 15 March 2017 and Friday 28 April 2017. The following comments were received:

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?
16-03-17	Connor Adkins	Highways England	Thank you for your consultation. Highways England has no further comment to make as it is remote from strategic road network.	No further action required.
20-03-17	Stewart Patience	Anglian Water Services Ltd	No comments to make at this time, however if the NHP progresses we would welcome the opportunity to make representations on draft stages on any aspects relevant to Anglian Water	No further action required.
22-03-17	Natalie Gates (Principle Historic Places Team)	Historic England	No objection to designation but responses provides initial advice. Note that NHP Area incorporates a number of designated heritage assets and that it will be important that the strategy put together for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the importance of these historic assets. This will assist in ensuring they can be enjoyed by future generations of the area and make sure it is in line with national planning policy.  Response also offers advice on who to contact re heritage and archaeological matters and signposts HE's own information and guidance documents at:  <a href="http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/">http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/</a>	No further action required.  A copy of HE's response was sent to Rickinghall PC for their information.

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?
31-03-17	Megan Pashley	Gladman Developments Ltd.	<p>Submitted a detailed response which highlights a number of key requirements to which the emerging NHP should have regard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>it must meet the Basic Conditions,</i></li> <li>• <i>it must have regard to NPPF &amp; NPPG, incl' taking into account the latest and most up-to-date evidence of housing need,</i></li> <li>• <i>it should be flexible enough to ensure that any policies are not overridden on adoption of the new BMSDC Joint Local Plan,</i></li> <li>• <i>it should plan positively for new development, and add value to policies set out in Local Plan and national guidance,</i></li> <li>• <i>be mindful of any need / requirement to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).</i></li> </ul> <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.</p> <p>A full copy of Gladman's response has been fwd to Rickinghall PC for their information.</p>
04-04-17	David Allcock (Consultations Team)	Natural England	<p>Response offers the following general advice which may be of use in the preparation of their plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• <u>Planning policy for the natural environment:</u> NDPs and NDOs present significant opportunities, but also potential risks, for the natural environment. Your proposals should be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. The key principles are set out in paragraph 109.</li> <li>• The [Qualifying Body] should also consider the natural environment policies in the area's Local Plan. The NHP or NDO should be consistent with these, and the [qualifying body] may decide that the NHP should provide more detail as to how some of these policies apply or are interpreted locally.</li> </ul>	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>Full copy of NE's response has been forwarded to Rickinghall PC's for their information.</p>

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?								
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 or NDO.</li> </ul>									
11-04-17	Mrs Jackson-Eve (Parish Clerk)	Redgrave Parish Council	No objection to proposed area for the Botesdale and Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan.	No further action required.								
28-04-17	Barbara Adamski (Planning Officer - Policy)	Suffolk County Council	<p>SCC has no objection 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.</p> <p>The Plan may or may not impact on SCC service responsibilities, depending on what the Parish Council is seeking to achieve. If the plan is likely to impact on any of the services, such as transport or education (in particular), we would welcome the opportunity to discuss the Parish Council's proposals at an early stage in the plan's preparation. Potentially relevant county council services include:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="815 911 1688 1098"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Highways and Transport</td> <td>Archaeology</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education (incl. pre-schools)</td> <td>Fire and Rescue</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Surface Water Management</td> <td>Libraries</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Care</td> <td>Waste Infrastructure</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Highways and Transport	Archaeology	Education (incl. pre-schools)	Fire and Rescue	Surface Water Management	Libraries	Social Care	Waste Infrastructure	No further action required.
Highways and Transport	Archaeology											
Education (incl. pre-schools)	Fire and Rescue											
Surface Water Management	Libraries											
Social Care	Waste Infrastructure											

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