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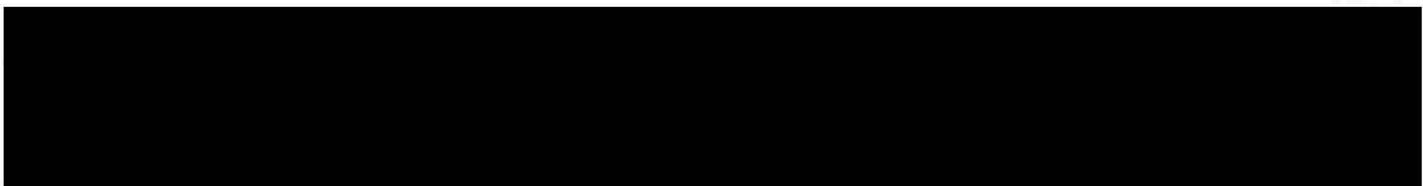
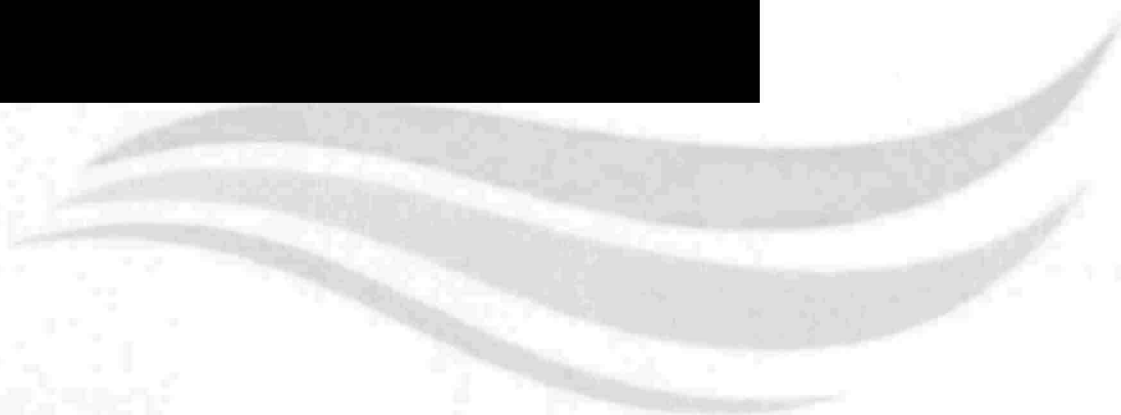
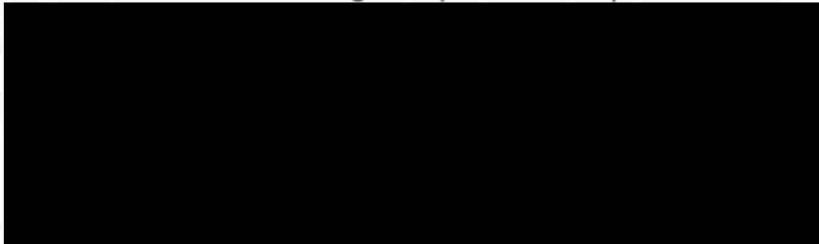
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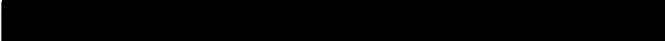




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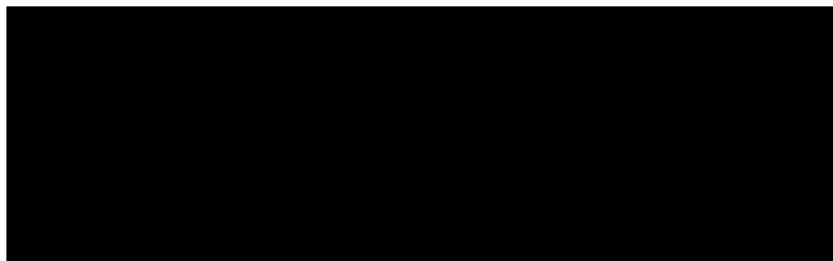
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The historic village of Bentley consisted of scattered Hall houses and manors, in farmland around St. Mary's church. The historic houses are listed together with the Church and the great long barn, which form a part of a complex around Bentley Hall. The area is also surrounded by ancient woodland. The landscape is characterised by long views of many of the houses and the woodlands across open fields.

Bentley Parish council submitted, after consultation, a Neighbourhood Plan, which was overwhelmingly endorsed by the residents, which concluded that the residents wished to retain the village character and avoid inappropriate development.

I would strongly urge the adoption of the conservation area, to celebrate and protect the character and history of the area, While not preventing development, this would ensure any such development would be sympathetic to and maintain the character of the heart of the historic village.

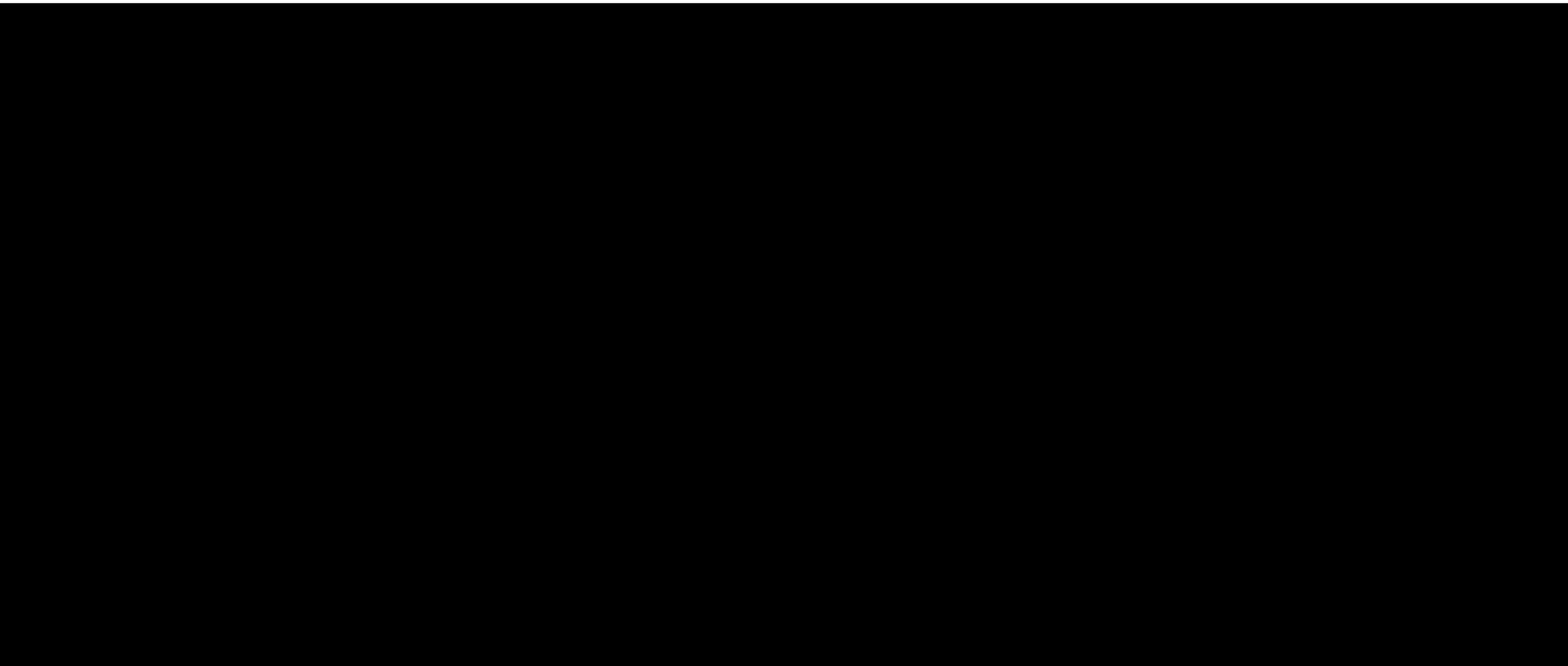


Bentley Historic Core Conservation Area Public ConsultationI support this.

My husband and I know this unique and beautiful area well.

We must take proper steps to protect highly valued, unspoilt, productive and historic farm and wood land before its too late!

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Bentley Historic Core Conservation Area Public Consultation:

I strongly support this plan to establish a core conservation area in Bentley. It is vital that we take proper steps to protect highly valued, unspoilt, productive and historic farm and wood land before it's too late.



Dear Mr Isbell

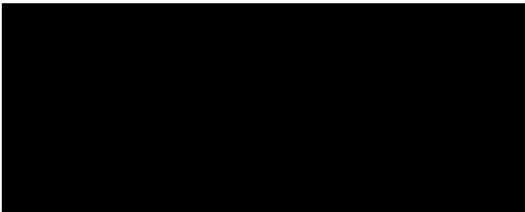
As residents within the proposed conservation area in the parish of Bentley, we write in support of the designation.


- a) sufficient architectural or historic interest for the area to be considered 'special'?*
- b) whether this is experienced through its character or appearance? and*
- c) whether it is desirable for that character or appearance to be preserved or enhanced, and what problems designation could help to solve.*

Having read through the very thorough appraisal document it appears that these three key criteria, set by Historic England for designating conservation areas, are met.

On a personal level: we have long known we live in a very special landscape which has given us endless pleasure over the last ■■■ years. The sense of history is palpable. Some of the historic associations identified in the appraisal were unknown to us but make the area even more special. Who knew about Constable's involvement? We are privileged to live within such an environment. There can be no doubt it should be protected in perpetuity; and if this means a few restrictions for its residents then this is a small price to pay to ensure the continuance of this precious landscape with its long history, its ancient woodlands and historic buildings, and its lovely views, and protect it from threats.

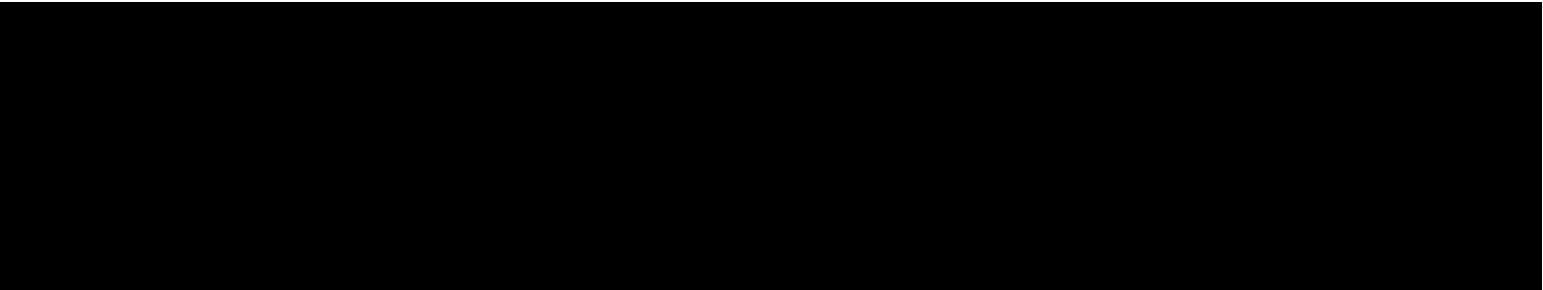
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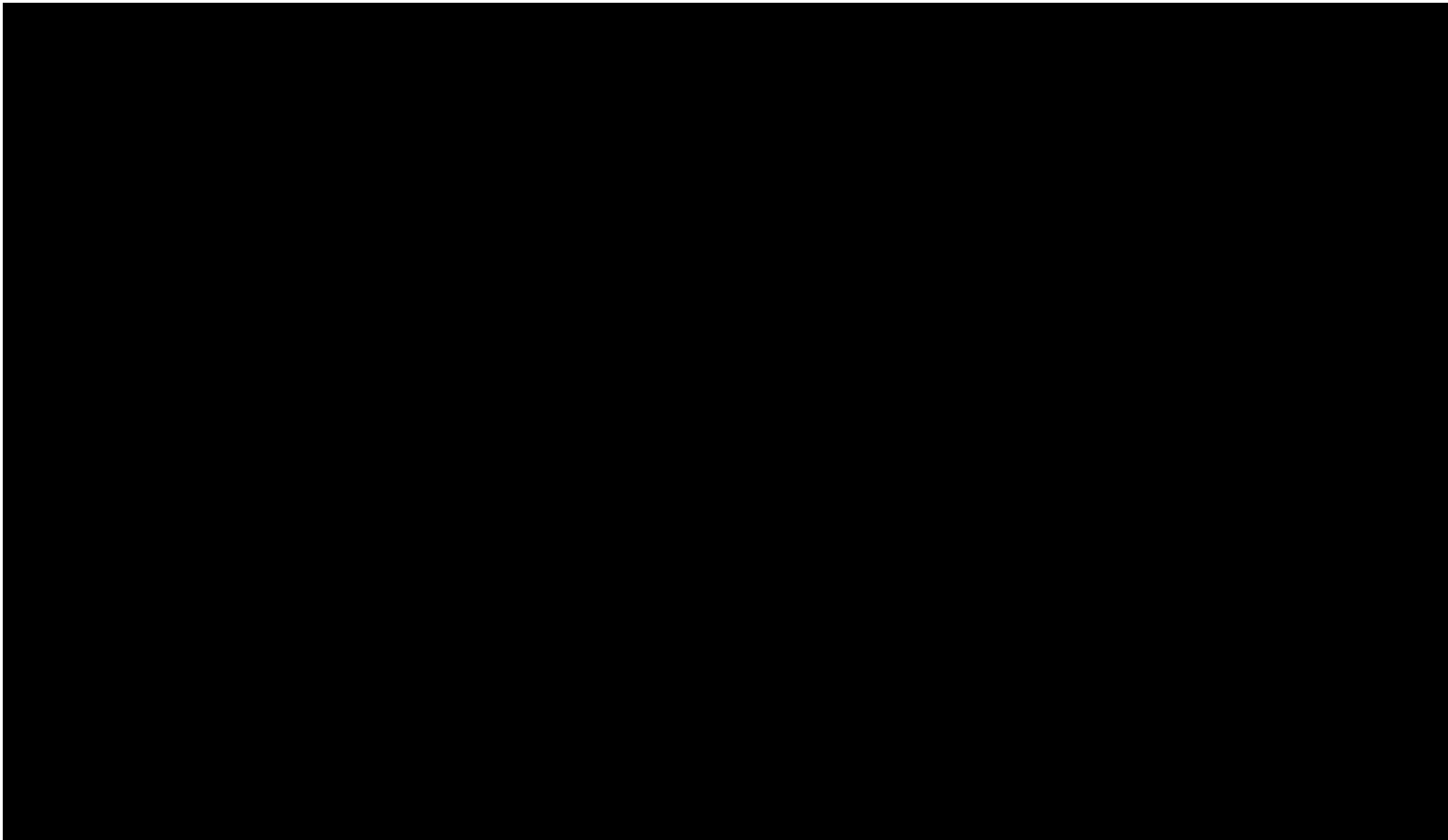




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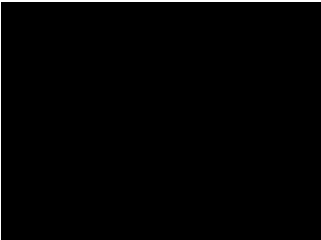





I support any effort to preserve and enhance this area of historic farm and woodland - whether that protection is in response to the recent solar park proposal, or untold future damage. Making this into a designated Conservation Area seems both apposite to current threats as well as setting down clarity, going forwards. In my view, it would help avoid waste of time and money with protracted future disputes and allow the authority to spend its budget on more worthwhile causes.


Best wishes


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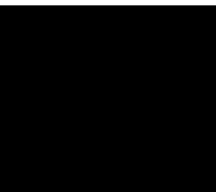



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delighted to see the proposals for potentially making this area of Bentley into a Historic Core Conservation Area. It is vital to preserve and enhance the most important aspects of the area’s historic character. A solar park would ruin all of this so I am fully behind the proposals and 100% in support of the work being carried out to take proper steps to protect highly valued, unspoilt, productive and historic farm and wood land before it's too late.




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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my full support for the proposed designation of the Bentley Historic Core Conservation Area. This area holds immense historical and cultural significance, and its preservation is vital for maintaining the unique character of the village and surrounding landscape. The proposed conservation area encompasses unspoilt farmland, woodlands, and heritage buildings that should be protected for future generations. I urge you to move forward with this designation to ensure that this vital part of Bentley’s history and natural beauty is preserved.

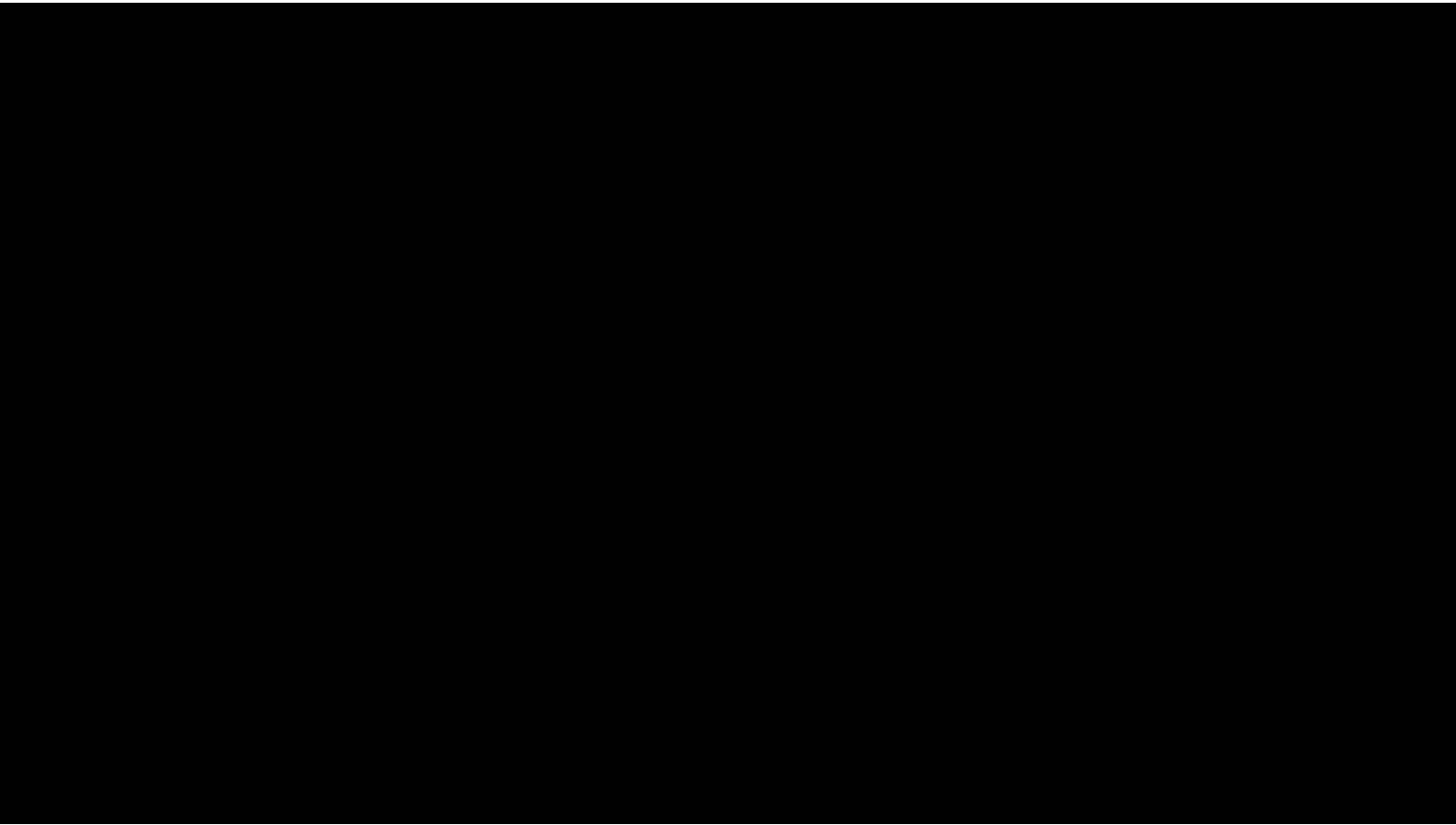
Thank you for your consideration.



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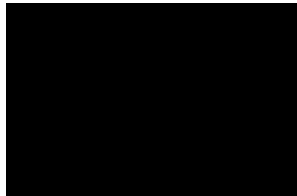
I think this would be a great idea and I support the it. Hopefully this will be the start of protecting more of Babergh. Particularly in light of the terrible pylons being allowed to spoil many parts of Suffolk.

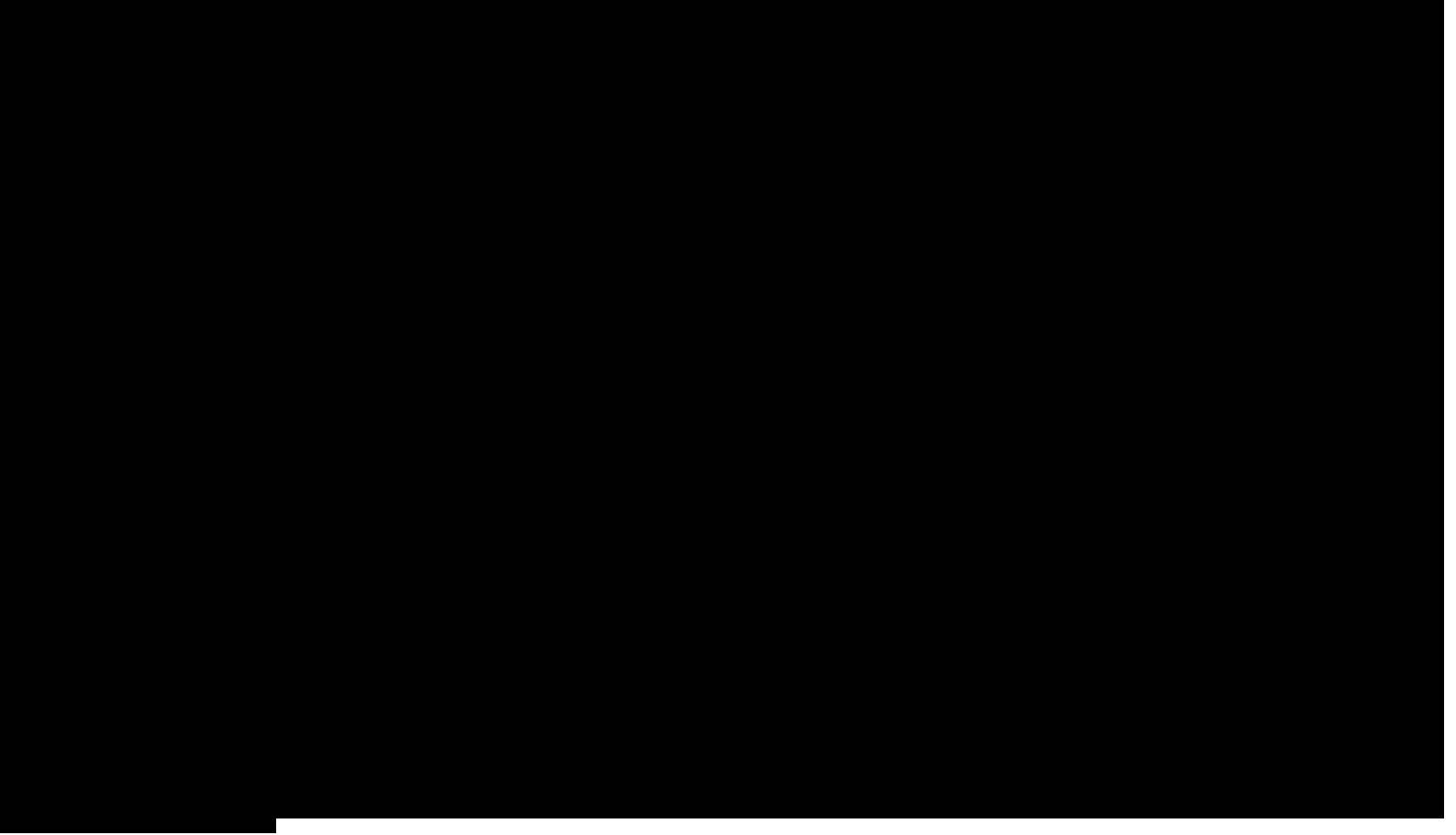
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Dear Counsellor .

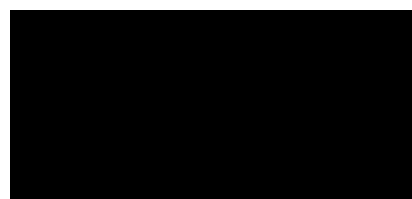
I'd like to let it be known that I support this wholeheartedly.
This area really is special and must be treated as such. I enjoy the beauty of the nature and the unspoiled areas of this village and I'm very keen that they should be protected and remain unspoiled for future generations.






To whom it may concern

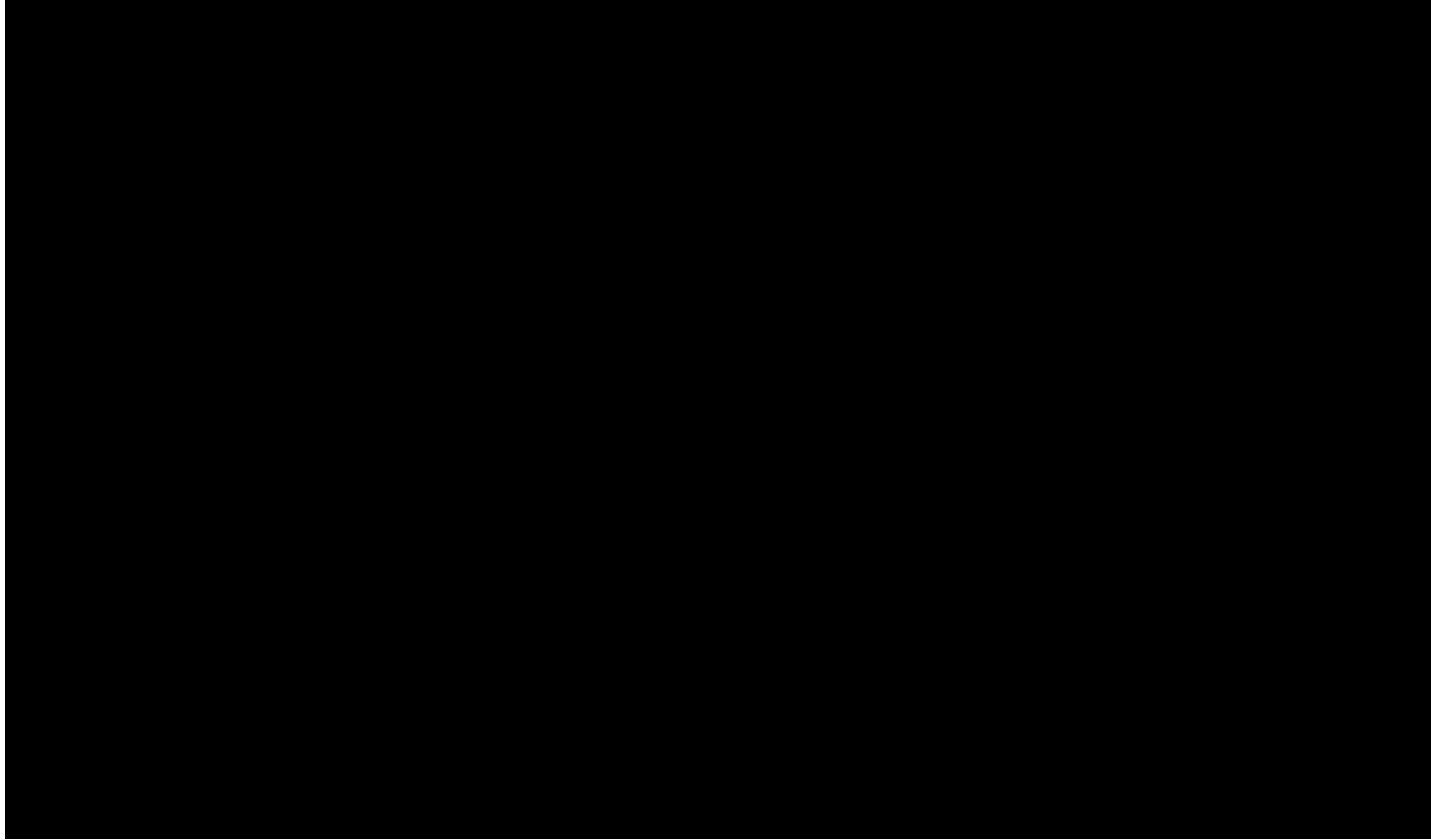
I am registering my support this. So important to take the right steps to protect this highly valued, unspoilt, productive and historic farm and wood land which has been and hopefully will continue to be enjoyed by so many and provide for many too.



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I support this proposal. We must take proper steps to protect highly valued, unspoilt, productive and historic farm and woodland before it is too late.






Dear Sirs,

As a nearby resident, I am delighted that you are reviewing this area with its many beautiful and historic features. I regularly walk in the area and enjoy the extremely timeless beauty that this special area offers. Please do everything you can to protect such important and valued historic sites, especially ancient woodlands and historic farmlands. Once lost, they can never be re-gained.

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Dear Heritage Team,

I have read the CAAMP document with interest and would like to register my firm support for the designation of this important heritage landscape.

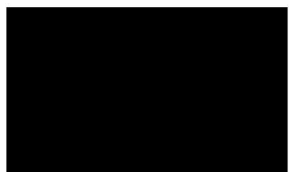
There are two areas that were not covered in the document that I would like to draw your attention to;


- The archaeological value of the landscape, which in addition to the obvious mediaeval value, is also steeped in prehistory. There is an undisturbed and unexcavated Neolithic causewayed enclosure (https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archiveDS/archiveDownload?t=arch-1416-1/dissemination/pdf/9781848021877_ALL.pdf) within the proposed heritage area, and archaeological investigation as part of development applications has produced evidence of further prehistoric and Iron Age occupation.
- The Domesday Book lists Bentley as having "half a park". Dr Rosemary Hoppitt's book *Deer Parks of Suffolk* (<http://hoppitt.com/suffolkparks/>) includes a piece on Bentley's park; she speculates that the park was a 'half' because it was shared with the northern parish boundary, and Old Hall wood and the fields to the south of it were part of a Saxon hunting park.

I hope that this designation is successful, and I would like to thank all those involved in bringing it forward.

I have lived nearly all my life near Bentley and have always appreciated it's unspoiled farmland, bluebell woods, lovely views and historic buildings. I am heartened to know that there may soon be official recognition of what a precious and historic landscape it represents. I very much hope that those who have the power will make meaningful steps to protect this area while they can.

I am aware of the proposal for the construction of large solar panels and associated structures on good farmland in Bentley. I think this is a huge mistake. I wish Babergh-Mid Suffolk, and indeed Westminster, would encourage or demand that solar panels be put on industrial buildings, warehouses, garages etc, where there are large areas of flat roof instead of wrecking productive countryside and trashing the landscape.





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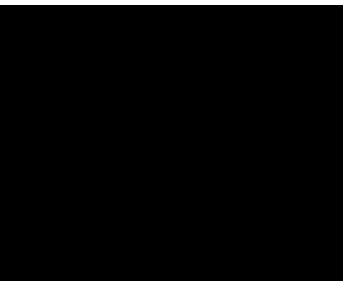
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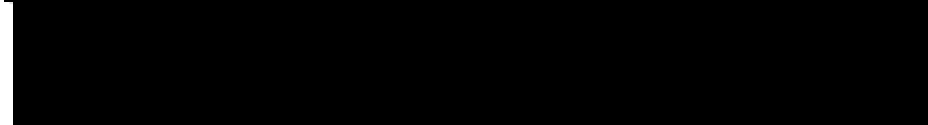
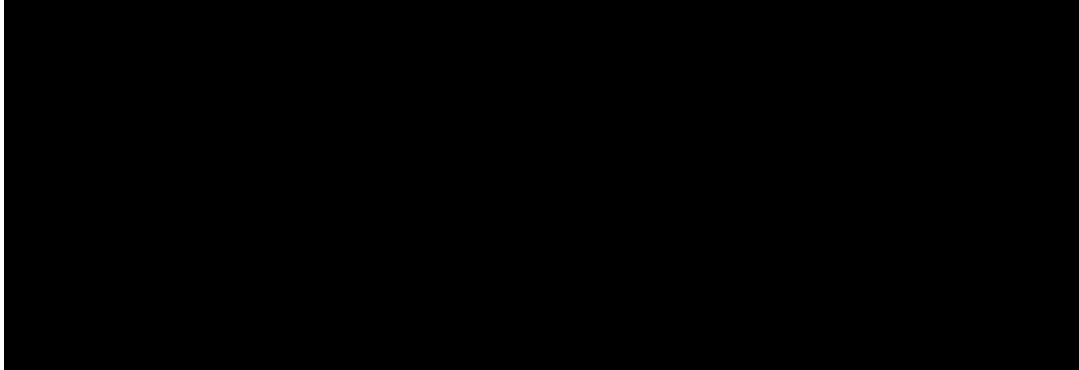
We live within the boundary of the proposed area. It is a beautiful, unspoilt and historic area of Bentley. We feel very strongly that this area should be protected. It is an area that is tranquil to live in and is enjoyed by many residents and visitors.

We strongly agree that the appraisal that has been carried out provides an accurate assessment of the character and appearance of the area and we agree strongly with the conclusions of the principles set out.

We fully support the boundary changes that are being proposed.

We hope that this proposal will be passed to protect the area for us and future generations.





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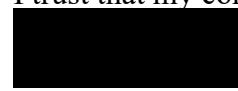



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Good afternoon,
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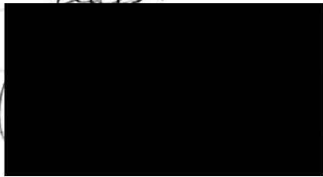
1. The area is well away from the more developed parts of the village and has remained relatively untouched by modern building work. Having confined development to the current building envelope it makes sense to keep new developments within that space. Bentley is not a large village suitable for big new housing estates; smaller infill developments should be enough to meet foreseeable future needs.
2. The area includes good arable farmland better retained for agricultural use.
3. The ancient woodlands within and adjoining the area retain a diverse flora and fauna not present in well managed modern plantations.
4. The assemblage of historic and architecturally interesting buildings ranging from the Middle Ages to Nineteenth Century is unusual and forms a valuable part of Suffolk's heritage.

I trust that my comments may make a little contribution to your decision making and remain,





I have attended the exhibition to learn
and hopefully take a serious enlightened
view. I feel now that it is a completely
unmissable invasion of some well preserved
countryside over many years.



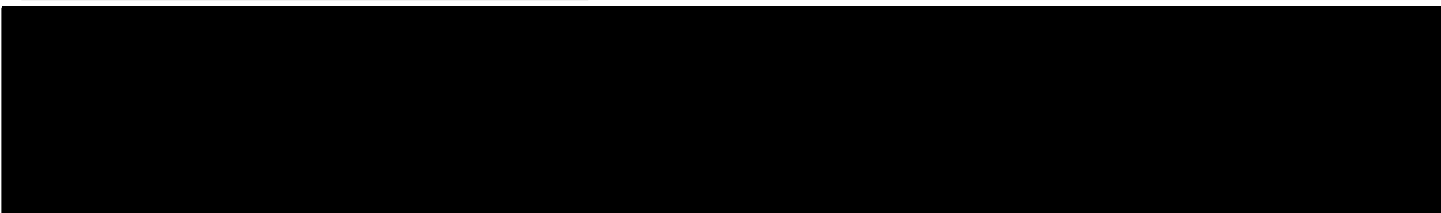
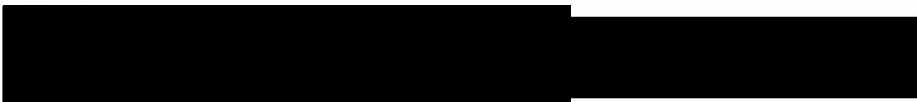
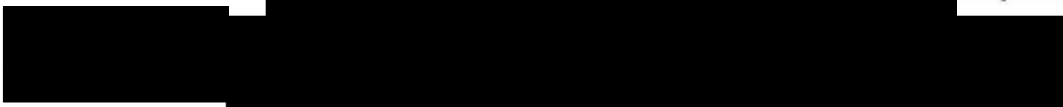
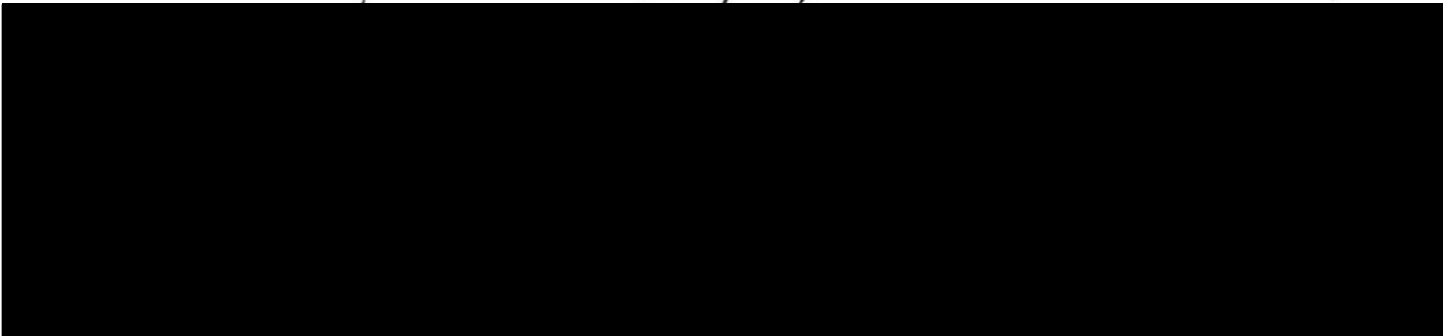
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Firstly, my 'qualifications' for
commenting on this proposal.



Or alternatively complete the questions on the next page –



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Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

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Disagree

Don't know

Other, please provide further comment

No as
It doesn't represent the
actual village at all
being centred on the
picturesque 'elite' end.

Question 2

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The past is just a palimpsest.
reflecting layers of visions of ~~what~~
current fashions and ideas.
To attempt to recreate
or pickle in aspic a very specific
view of a place is wrong.

Question 3

Do you support the boundary changes that are being proposed? **No**

Strongly agree

Agree

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What? How silly and divisive. Bentley village and its surroundings are all one unit co-dependant on each other.

Farmers (~~are~~ ^{always} an industry not rural bliss) should be encouraged to innovate not be restricted by a warped view of the past.

Question 4

Do you have any further issues you would like to raise with the draft Bentley Conservation Area?

If so, please provide your comments below

Who exactly would benefit from this ^{socially} divisive and ridiculous plan?

Are we returning to feudal times?

Where one half of the village is left to its own devices while the other half is '~~protected~~' 'handcuffed' by pre-industrialisation beliefs.

How about encouraging the next generation? What about village life?

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*As we are very in favour
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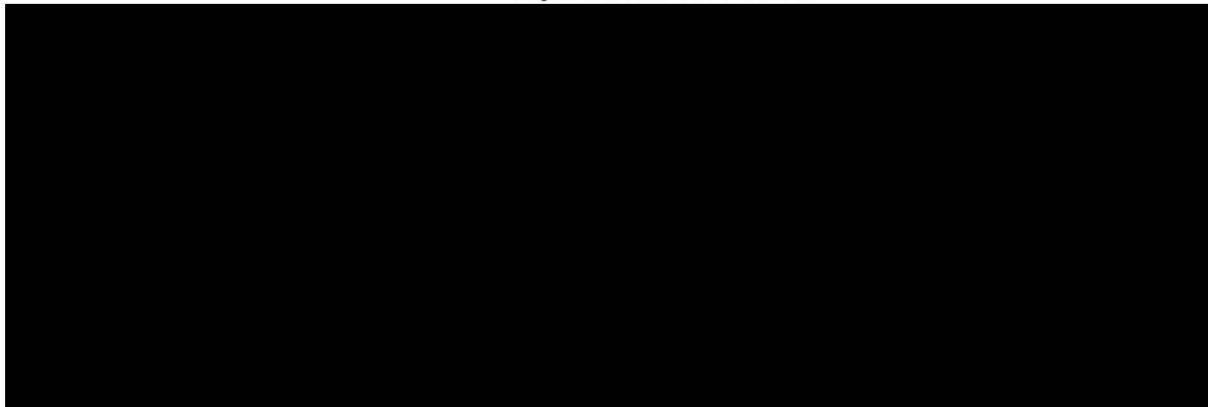
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In the same way that significant buildings are listed or otherwise protected, significant landscapes should also have some protection.

I strongly support the designation as proposed in the report.

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