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## Town & Country Planning Act 1990

### Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

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A map identifying the designated area is published on the District Council website at:

[www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/BotesdaleRickinghamNP](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/BotesdaleRickinghamNP)

The application was made under Regulation 5 and comments were invited between Wednesday 15 March 2017 and Friday 28 April 2017

Seven responses were received but no material representations were made.

Accordingly, under Regulation 7, and following the completion of the statutory consultation, the District Council hereby designates the application area as a Neighbourhood Area in order to facilitate the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan by Rickingham and Botesdale Parish Councils.

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## 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>

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			<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="815 914 1688 1099"> <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.
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As no material representations were received the Assistant Director - Planning for Growth may accordingly designate the Neighbourhood Area under powers delegated by Full Council.

# Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

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

### Publication of applications on the Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Council websites

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:\*

The parishes of Botesdale and Rickinghall Inferior/Superior propose to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan. This proposal is made via a steering group convened at the instigation of the community and under the auspices of Botesdale and Rickinghall Parish Councils. The whole of the three parish boundary areas, Botesdale (454 dwellings), Rickinghall Inferior and Rickinghall Superior (531 dwellings), will form the defined area bounded by the green line drawn on the attached map.

The parishes are relatively compact, interconnected settlements, together forming a Key Service Centre with a

shared school, health centre and shops. They are also set within an extensive rural area with shared roadways and connecting footpaths/bridleways. The inclusion of the rural areas of the parish will allow important characteristics of the community – such as open spaces and countryside views – to be highlighted and considered in planning deliberations. In addition, visually important designated areas and specifically identified sites of scientific interest can be included. This will also give the Neighbourhood Plan flexibility in where development for housing and economic development will take place. Finally, the parish boundaries are the statutory administrative boundaries and there is no evidence to suggest that the designated area should either be larger or exclude any parts of the named parishes.

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## 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?\*

A public meeting held on 18 January, following distribution of a public notice to every household, and was attended by 80+ residents. They agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan was necessary to identify the characteristics of future development within Botesdale and Rickingham. A further meeting was held on 30 January, attended by 32 people, to establish a forum to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan. That meeting agreed that the plan should cover the whole area of the three parishes, Botesdale, Rickingham Inferior and Rickingham Superior. Seven nominations were made to form a Steering Group, which met on 9 February to establish the details of overseeing the development of the Plan. The Steering Group has representation from both parish councils and will be supported administratively by the Clerk for both councils.

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## 7. Additional joint parish details:

If you are applying with an adjoining parish or parishes please give the clerk's details for each parish:

The Clerk for Botesdale Parish Council is also Mrs Leeann Jackson-Eve.

## 8. Declaration:

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

**In the case of a joint parish application, names from each parish are required.**

Name(s)\*

William Sargeant

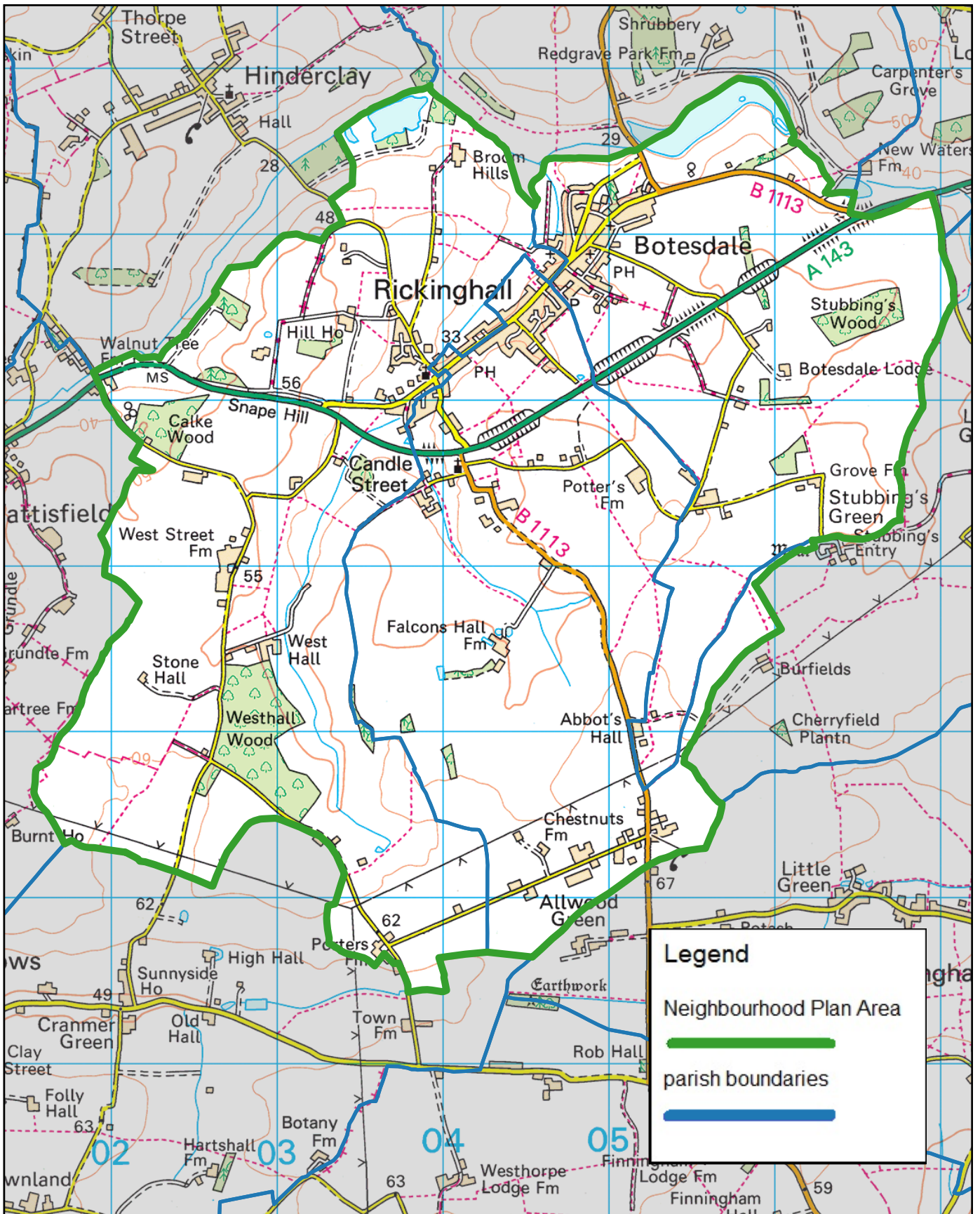
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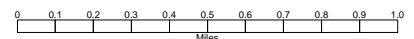
Geoff Short

Date (dd/mm/yy)\*

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Title: Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan Area



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