

Application to Designate a Neighbourhood Plan Area

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

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Please note that the information provided on this application form may be published in full on the authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact: communityplanning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

* Indicates a mandatory field

1. Town / Parish Clerk details	
* Title	Ms
* First Name	Jane
* Last Name	Every
* Property name / no.	Parish Room
* Address 1	Old School House
* Address 2	Bramford
* Town	Ipswich
* County	Suffolk
* Postcode	IP8 4AN
* Email	clerk@bramfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

2. Additional contact (if different)	
Title	Miss
First Name	Caroline
Last Name	Wolton
Property name or no.	
Address 1	
Address 2	
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Email:	Caroline.wolton@bramfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

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:** Mid Suffolk District Council / **Parish:** Bramford (as the lead for the four parishes)

If 'Adjacent LAs / Parishes has been selected please provide details

Bramford will be joining with the adjacent parishes of Claydon & Whitton, Little Blakenham and Akenham

4. Name of the Neighbourhood Area:

Please give a name which your neighbourhood area will be formally known: *

The Lower Gipping Valley Neighbourhood Plan

5. Extent of the area:

Please indicate below the intended extent of the area: *

<input type="checkbox"/>	Whole parish boundary area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Part of the parish
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joint with neighbouring parishes

Your application needs to be accompanied by an OS Plan showing the area. We can produce this for you so please ask if you have not already done so. **Would you like our assistance producing an OS plan?**

Yes	√
No	

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 *

1. Using existing boundaries is logical and practical for all concerned.
2. Adjoining boundaries between the included Parishes are included and support the shared resources between those involved.
3. All aspects of the area will be included in the Joint Neighbourhood Plan (JNP).
4. Those Parishes included in this JNDP wish to come together to share resources and achieve a thorough and robust plan for the future and assist with decision making by Mid Suffolk District Council.

6. Intention of Neighbourhood Area:

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area: *

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neighbourhood Development Plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neighbourhood Development Order
<input type="checkbox"/>	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? *

At a Joint Parish Meeting on 7th April 2026, with representatives from Bramford, Claydon & Whitton Rural, Little Blakenham and Akenham Parish Councils (the Parishes), it was decided to work together for a shared goal in the area identified. A Steering Group was formed with representatives from each Parish Council, who will coordinate the preparation of the JNP.

Working collectively, the Parishes can protect the key interests and characteristics of each community, whilst taking a more strategic approach to infrastructure needs for the whole area for the benefit for all.

The JNP will provide a document that shows how the communities of these Parishes wish to see their villages develop and ensure that future development has a positive outcome for our communities. Identifying appropriate and adequate infrastructure to deliver sustainable growth and protection of our historical buildings, open spaces, countryside views and special sites.

Communities have been informed of this proposal, and genuine support is gathering.

7. Adjoining parish clerk details (multi-parish area):

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

Ms Jennie Blackburn, Clerk to Little Blakenham PC | E: clerk@littleblakenham-pc.gov.uk
Ms Paula Mays, Clerk to Claydon & Whitton PC | E: clerk@claydonandwhitton-pc.gov.uk
Mr Michael Herbert, Chair to Akenham Parish | E: akenhamparish@gmail.com

8. Declaration:

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

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Name(s) *	CAROLINE WOLTON
Date (dd/mm/yy) *	07/04/26.