

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION NOTICE

WALSHAM IE WILLOWS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mid Suffolk District Council received an application from Walsham le Willows Parish Council (the 'Relevant Body') to designate the whole of the parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on 19 July 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.midsuffolk.gov.uk/WalshamleWillowsNP

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) Mid Suffolk District Council hereby give notice that it has designated the parish of Walsham le Willows as a Neighbourhood Area in order to facilitate the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan by Walsham le Willows Parish Council.

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Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

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

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)	
Parish clerk details	
Title	Mr
First name	Kevin
Last name	Boardley
Property name/number	Willow Cottage
Address line 1	The Street
Address line 2	Walsham le Willows
Town/Village	Bury St Edmunds
County	Suffolk
Postcode	IP313AA
Email address	clerk@walshampc.myzen.co.uk
Additional contact details (if different)	
Title	Mr
First name	Phil
Last name	Newby
Property name/number	
Address line 1	
Address line 2	Walsham le Willows
Town/Village	
County	
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	Mid Suffolk District Council	
Parish	Walsham-le-Willows	
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	Walsham le Willows NDP	
Extent of the area		
Intended extent of the area	Whole parish boundary area	
Is assistance with an OS plan required	Yes	
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:		
The Parish Council have been considering preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for some time, but this was actively taken forward by a community group in April 2018, made up of residents, including professionals, Parish Councillors, and interested persons. The intention to take forward a Neighbourhood Plan has been advertised in the village for several months, including via the local community newsletter, "The Walsham Observer", and the Parish website, which culminated in a 'drop-in' event on Thursday 27th June 2018. The purpose of the event was to establish if there was a local appetite for taking forward a Neighbourhood Plan, and if the Parish Boundary was an appropriate boundary to use. The event took place between 14.30 and 21.00, with over 150 people attending throughout the day. Over 140 signatures of support for the Neighbourhood Plan boundary to be the Parish Boundary were received. Further information is available from the website, or a more detailed explanation can be provided as necessary.		
Intention of neighbourhood area		
The following is intended to be undertaken	Neighbourhood Development Plan	

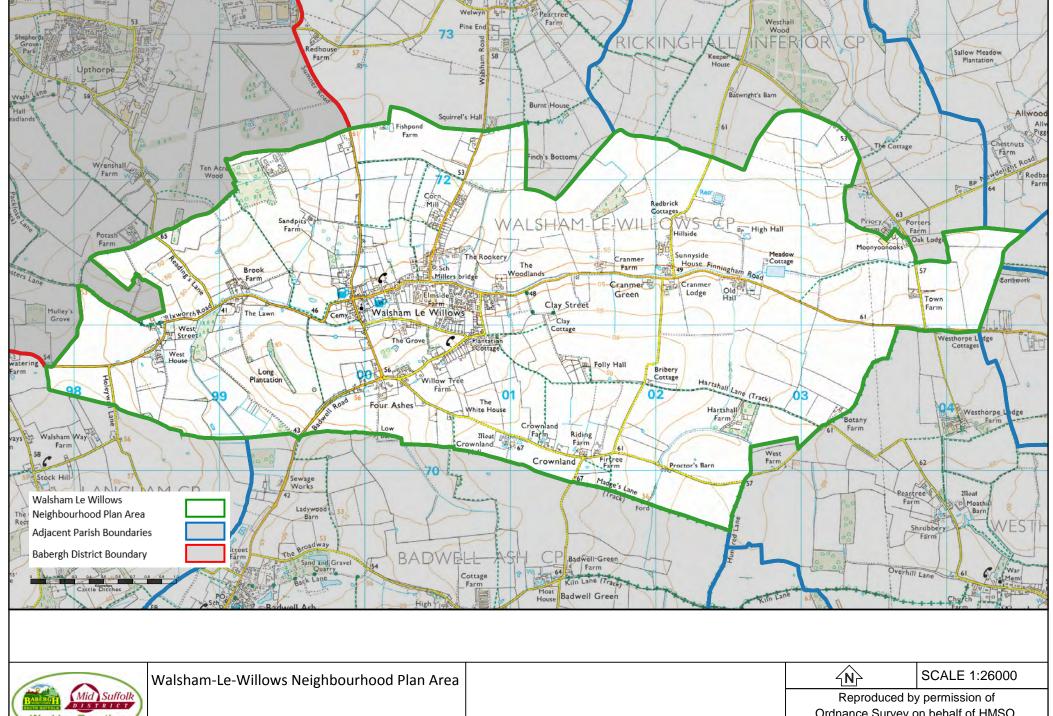
within the neighbourhood area

Support provided for this choice:

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The community of Walsham le Willows have been actively engaged and involved in the very early process of progressing a Neighbourhood Plan, which has resulted in a high level of support and encouragement for taking forward a Neighbourhood Plan that is based on the existing Parish Boundary. Several options were considered to get to this point, including making the identified area smaller to closer reflect the existing settlement boundary, or to make the Plan boundary wider and extend into other Parishes. Both of these alternative options were duly considered, with their being pros and cons of both approaches. Ultimately, a good proportion of the community met to discuss this initial stage of the Neighbourhood Plan process at a specific drop-in event on 27th June 2018, at which there was overwhelming support from attendees for the Neighbourhood Plan to follow the same as the Parish Boundary. It is therefore considered by the community of Walsham le Willows that their Neighbourhood Plan should follow the Parish Boundary, which as it is felt this gives the future Neighbourhood Plan greatest area of control and most flexibility.

Adjoining parish clerk details (multi-parish areas)	
Details of adjoining parish or parishes clerk details if provided	N/A
Declaration	
I/we hearby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and on the accompanying plan.	
Name(s)	Kevin Boardley / Phil Newby
Date	19/07/2018



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