

Place Directorate

Responsible for the Economy
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Town & Country Planning Act 1990

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Mid Suffolk District Council received an application from Woolpit Parish Council to designate the whole of the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

A map identifying the designated area can be viewed at: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/WoolpitNP

The application was made under Regulation 5 and comments were invited between Monday 4th April 2016 and Tuesday 3rd May 2016.

Five 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 Woolpit Parish Council.

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Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation Application Responses

May 2016

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 Mid Suffolk District Council to designate a neighbourhood area, stating its reasons and submit a map of the proposed area.

Mid Suffolk District Council received an application from Woolpit Parish Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area to enable the production of a 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 Monday 4th April 2016 and Tuesday 3rd May 2016.

The following comments were received:

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?
10-04-16	Jen Larner (Parish Clerk)	Wetherden Parish Council	Thank you for consulting Wetherden Parish Council on Woolpit's neighbourhood plan boundary suggestions. The Parish Council has no comments at this stage	No further action required.
12-04-16	Mr & Mrs Wortley	Local Residents	Comments did not relate directly to the issue of Area Designation and its appropriateness or otherwise but do suggest that the NHP is likely to be formalised too late to have any influence on existing, proposed or expected planning applications for large scale housing development in Woolpit and what that may mean for the village.	No further action required. Response was also copied into Woolpit Parish Council
28-04-16	Sue Bull (Planning Liaison Manager)	Anglian Water Services Ltd	No comments to make at this time, however if the Neighbourhood Plan progresses we would welcome the opportunity to comment on later stages on any aspects relevant to Anglian Water.	No further action required.
28-04-16	Dawn Kinrade	Natural England	Response offers the following general advice which may be of use in the preparation of their plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present 	No further action required. A full copy of the NE response has been forwarded to the Parish Council.

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?
			<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Planning policy for the natural environment</u>: NDPs and orders 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. • [<i>The Qualifying Body</i>] should also consider the natural environment policies in your area's Local Plan. Your NHP or order should be consistent with these, and you may decide that your plan should provide more detail as to how some of these policies apply or are interpreted locally. • Provide an annex listing sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues [the qualifying body] may wish to consider as [they] develop [there] NHP or order. 	
29-04-16	Sophie Pain (Senior Consultant)	Beacon Planning Ltd (<i>obo Pigeon (Woolpit) Ltd</i>)	<p>We write on behalf of our client, Pigeon (Woolpit) Ltd who support the logical use of the existing Parish boundary as the NHP boundary. Pigeon support the consultation that Woolpit Parish Council has undertaken to date in connection with the initial stages of preparing a NHP. It is positive to see that in due course the plan will be looking to expand the residential housing stock of the Parish, along with appropriate business development, supporting infrastructure and amenities and enhancing the environment, while also using the plan as an opportunity to benefit the local community.</p>	No further action required.

As no material representations were received the Assistant Director 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:*

Area Proposed

Woolpit Parish Council resolved at its meeting on 1 February 2016 to proceed with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan area proposed by the Parish Council is the Woolpit parish boundary. This is considered appropriate for the following reasons:

1. Using the existing boundary is logical and readily understandable to villagers.
2. It conforms to the electoral base that will be consulted later for the NP referendum.
3. By using the parish boundary, the hamlets of Woolpit Heath, Woolpit Green and Borley Green, which are

separate from the main village, are encompassed within the plan area.

4. The Parish Council has no reason to believe that any landowner within the parish would wish their land to be excluded.

5. Both historically and practically, no reason has been found to suggest an alternative boundary would be more suitable.

Purpose of the Plan

The Plan will ultimately be used for decision-making purposes by Mid Suffolk District Council and Woolpit Parish Council. It will describe how the people of Woolpit want to see their village develop over the next 15 years. It will combine a need for expanding the residential housing stock with appropriate business development, whilst also supporting infrastructure, amenities, and taking into account environmental considerations. The Parish Council sees the Plan as an important opportunity for empowering the village to create an attainable, sustainable vision for its future, voiced by the people themselves.

Steering Group

The Parish Council has delegated the development of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to a voluntary Steering Group (SG) comprising Parish Councillors and other residents. There is also a large number of villagers offering help in various ways. The SG is geographically drawn from all parts of the village and represents a demographically diverse team of residents who jointly have extensive professional expertise and local knowledge.

Community Engagement

Some community outreach and engagement activities have already been undertaken. Two public meetings to discuss the setting up of a NP and what it involves and can produce have taken place. These were attended by 150 residents. From these meetings some 60 people have offered themselves to act either as members of the SG or as helpers. A Neighbourhood Plan webpage has been created.

What the Plan will include

The Plan will set out the views, needs and planning aspirations of as many Woolpit residents as possible concerning a wide range of aspects of village life and the village environment. It will evolve over time but its principal aims will be to identify:

- The anticipated quantity and range of accommodation needed for a sustainable mixed community of homes and businesses.
- Proposals to protect the character of the village and select locations considered as suitable for development.
- Improvements in services and amenities needed to support the community in the future e.g. transport, education, employment, shopping, communications, health, leisure and wellbeing.

Woolpit Parish Council recognises that the Plan will only be valid and successful if it is created by the people who live and work in the village and so reflects their majority view. Hence the intention of the SG is to encourage the whole community to take part in a variety of activities to achieve this objective.

Footnote

The SG Mission Statement, Terms of Reference, and Delivery Schedule will be available on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Woolpit Parish Council website: <http://www.woolpit.org/WNP/index.html>.

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?*

See above.

7. Additional joint parish details:

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

N/A

8. Declaration:

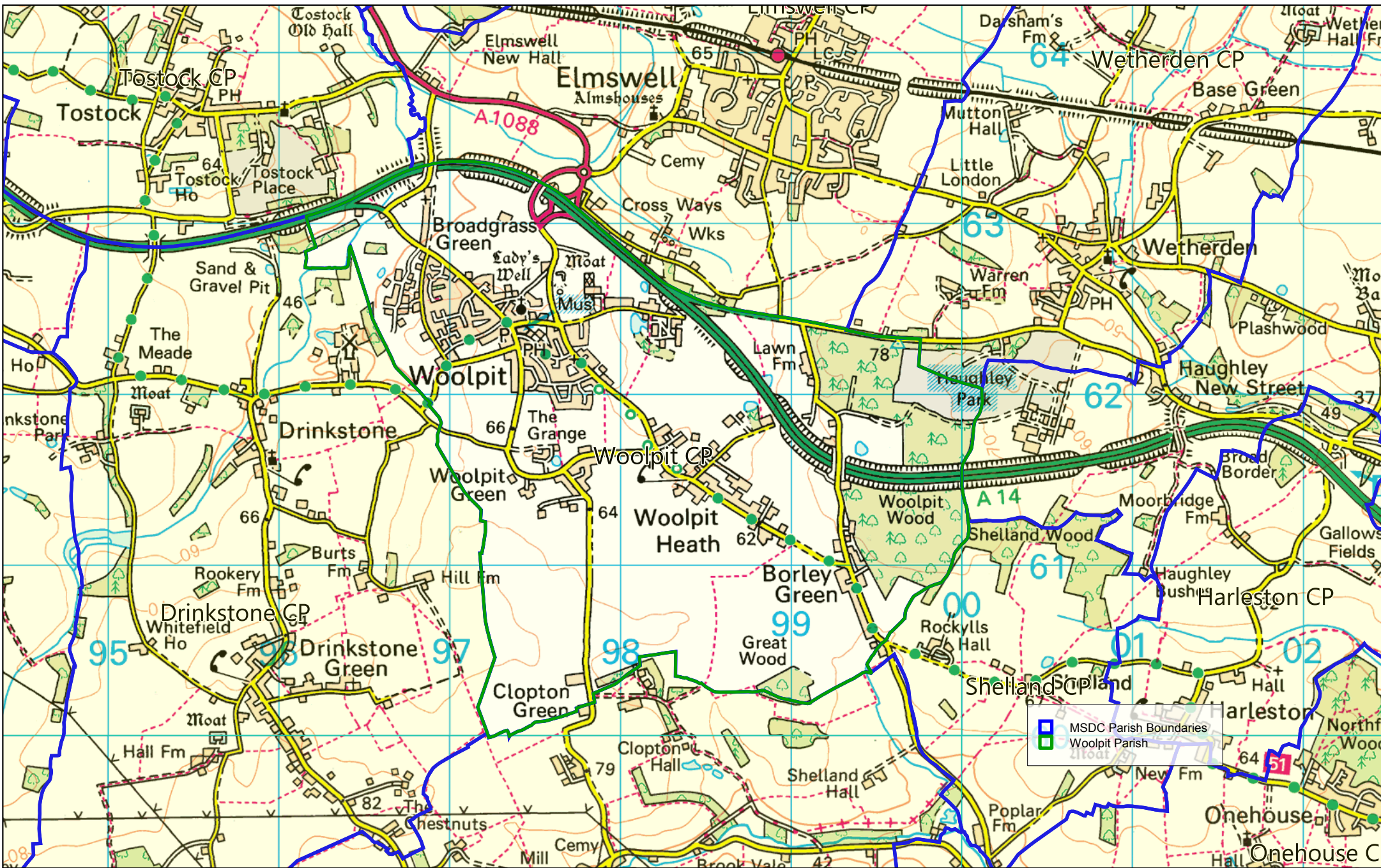
I/we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and the accompanying plan.

Name(s)*

John Guyler

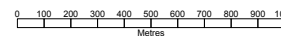
Date (dd/mm/yy)*

08 Mar 2016



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Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan



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