

## Lawshall Neighbourhood Area Designation Application Responses

December 2015

In order to prepare a neighbourhood plan, the first formal stage is to designate the Neighbourhood Area (see Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012). The 'qualifying body' (the parish or Town council) has to apply to Babergh District Council to designate a neighbourhood area, stating its reasons and submit a map of the proposed area.

Babergh District Council received an application from Lawshall 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) sections 5 – 8, was undertaken by Babergh District Council between Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 and 4:00pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

The following comments were received:

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Comments	Action required?
30-10-15	Cllr Richard Kemp	Suffolk County Council	I am the County Councillor and would have no comment to make.	No action required.
30-10-15	Mr David Grech	Historic England	<p>Historic England has no objection to this designation, but we would like to take this opportunity to provide some initial advice on the matter and [have sent] a copy [of this letter] to the Parish Council for their use in the event that their application is successful.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Area incorporates a number of designated heritage assets including:</p> <p>1 Scheduled Monument: A moated site SE of New House Farm            1 Grade I listed building: The Parish Church of All Saints            1 Grade II* listed building: Lawshall Hall.            25 Grade II listed buildings.</p> <p>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.</p>	No further action required. Copy of letter already forwarded to the Parish Council for consideration.

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			<p>The historic buildings conservation officer at Babergh District Council is the best placed person to assist the Parish in the development of their Neighbourhood Plan and advising them to consider how the strategy might address the area's heritage assets.</p> <p>We would also recommend that the Parish Council speak to the staff at SCC Archaeology Service who look after the Historic Environment Record and give advice on archaeological matters. They should be able to provide details of not only any designated heritage assets but also locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the Heritage Gateway (<a href="http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk">www.heritagegateway.org.uk</a>). It may also be useful for the Parish Council to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society, local history groups, building preservation trusts, etc. in the production of their Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plans need to include enough information about local heritage to guide planning decisions and to put broader strategic heritage policies from the local authority's local plan into action at a neighbourhood scale. If appropriate this should include enough information about local non-designated heritage assets including sites of archaeological interest to guide decisions.</p> <p>Further information and guidance on how heritage can best be incorporated into Neighbourhood Plans has been produced by Historic England. This signposts a number of other documents which the Parish Council might find useful in helping to identify what it is about their area which makes it distinctive and how they might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. These can be found at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-yourneighbourhood/">http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-yourneighbourhood/</a></p>	

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			If you have any queries about this matter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.	
30-10-15	Cllr Terry Clements	St Edmundsbury BC	According to the advice I have had on another neighbourhood plan as long as it is within the Parish Boundary then no problem. Would say though will support any strengthening of Bus routes through to Bury [because] that will help residents in my Division.	No action required. Comments re bus routes forwarded to the Parish Council for consideration.
30-10-15	Stewart Patience	Anglian Water Services Ltd	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above consultation. We have 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 action required.
30-10-15	Alice Watson	Natural England	<p>Response offers the following general advice which may be of use in the preparation of the plan:</p> <p>Natural England, together with the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Forestry Commission has published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans and development proposals. This is available at:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/consulting-on-neighbourhood-plans-and-development-orders">https://www.gov.uk/consulting-on-neighbourhood-plans-and-development-orders</a></p> <p>Reminds the LPA that it should take into account the economic and other benefits, and protect from development, the best and most versatile agricultural</p> <p>Provide general advice on Protected landscapes, Protected Species and Opportunities for enhancing the natural environment</p>	No further action required. A full copy of NE's response has been forwarded to the Parish Council.

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06-11-15	Zoe Hughes	Sport England	<p>Response offers the following general advice which may be of use in the preparation of the plan:</p> <p>It is important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects national policy for sport as set out in the NPPF. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing fields.</p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on developing policy for sport.</p> <p>Sport England works with LA's to ensure Local Plan policy is underpinned by robust and up-to-date assessments and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports delivery. If local authorities have prepared a Playing Pitch Strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports strategy it will be important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the recommendations set out in that document and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support the delivery of those recommendations.</p> <p>If new sports facilities are being proposed Sport England recommend you ensure such facilities are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.</p> <p>If you need any further advice please do not hesitate to contact Sport England</p>	No further action required. A full copy of Sport England's response has been forwarded to the Parish Council.
07.11.15	Mark Sturgess	Lawshall Resident	Clarification sought on whether his property was within the neighbourhood area.	Confirmation provided. No further action required.
18-11-15	Lizzie Griffiths	Environment Agency	Thank you for this consultation. We confirm that we have no comments to make on the area designation for the Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan.	No action required.

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28-11-15	Mr R Livall	Lawshall Resident	<p>I provide my response below regarding the application by Lawshall Parish Council to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan. I would be grateful if you will confirm receipt of my response.</p> <p>I support the preparation of the Lawshall Neighbourhood Development Plan (covering the next 15 years) and fully recognise the need to make further housing provision in the parish. This should be supported by a Local Needs Housing Survey that can robustly demonstrate the quantity, type and range of accommodation required. While new residential development (with associated changes to the defined settlement boundary) may be the principal aim of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, I am concerned that a firm commitment is also made to address related sustainability issues, including the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) make provision for small businesses and to facilitate local employment opportunities;</li> <li>b) address transport, parking and access issues in the parish;</li> <li>c) maintain and develop the village school, village hall and other community facilities;</li> <li>d) protect and enhance open space, leisure and recreation facilities;</li> <li>e) protect and enhance the landscape framework and support biodiversity;</li> <li>f) protect and enhance historic assets within the parish;</li> <li>g) facilitate the sensitive design of buildings;</li> <li>h) seek to ensure new development has regard to green infrastructure, recycling, water collection, local energy generation, etc.</li> </ul> <p>There are clearly some issues that will be raised as part of plan preparation process that fall outside of the remit of Neighbourhood Planning. Some issues such as traffic management measures, rural bus services, policing and neighbourhood watch, council</p>	<p>Acknowledgement sent. The response was also copied to the Parish Council by the originator.</p> <p>The issues raised are matters to be considered through the NHP process.</p>

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			<p>services etc. that are of importance to community well-being might be addressed within a Lawshall Parish Plan. Such a document along with the Neighbourhood Development Plan would enable an inclusive approach to community planning in the parish.</p> <p>Finally, every effort should be made to ensure that developers' contributions from new development in Lawshall is used to resource infrastructure requirements within the Parish itself and not diverted to the meet the budgetary requirements of Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council. Perhaps in response to this submission Babergh District Council can explain their position on this very important issue.</p>	<p>Once a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is in place in Babergh 15% of the income received from development in the parish boundary will be passed to the Parish Council, subject to a cap of £100 per existing dwelling in the parish. Upon completion of the Neighbourhood Plan 25% of CIL income received from development within the parish boundary will be passed to the Parish Council. There is no cap to the payment in these circumstances.</p>

As no material representations were received the Head of Economy may accordingly designate the Neighbourhood Area under powers delegated by Full Council.