


**Neighbourhood planning  
Application to designate a neighbourhood area**

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

Within West Suffolk, only parish councils and neighbourhood forums (\*see guidance note at end of form) can apply for neighbourhood area designation. These will be the 'relevant body' in the area – a term used in the regulations for neighbourhood planning. By completing this form you confirm that you represent the parish council and give us permission to publish the form on the local authority's website. If you need help to complete this form please contact planning policy on 01284 757368 or email [neighbourhood.planning@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@westsuffolk.gov.uk)

<b>Please complete this form using information we can publish on our website if necessary</b>		
<b>1</b>	The area which the application falls within	West Suffolk
<b>2</b>	Name of parish (or lead parish where there is more than one)	Wickhambrook
<b>3</b>	Address	3 Farriers Close, Great Barton, Bury St Edmunds IP31 2FP
<b>4</b>	Contact name and position	Hilary Workman, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
<b>5</b>	Telephone number	07508 039810
<b>6</b>	E-mail	<a href="mailto:parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk">parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk</a>
<b>7</b>	Additional parish contact details  If applicable, please list all parishes involved in this application and provide contact details for the clerks of each	n/a
<b>8</b>	Name of neighbourhood area Please give a name by which your neighbourhood area will be formally known. In many cases this will reflect the name of the parish or parishes it covers	Wickhambrook

9	<p><b>Consultation</b> Please provide information about how you have determined the area you are applying to designate and who you have consulted, for example residents, landowners, businesses</p>	<p>The parish council has been gathering information on how to bring forward a Neighbourhood Plan since November 2020 when it considered its response to West Suffolk's consultation on Issues and Options for its Local Plan. In addition to items on the agenda at each meeting since then (joined by members of the public as on-line meetings), the parish council held a community engagement day on 3 July at which information on Neighbourhood Planning was displayed. As a result of this community engagement day a steering group was formed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. Subsequent to the initial application to designate the boundary in September 2021, there was a boundary review which completed in November 2022, which has slightly amended the boundary in the vicinity of Wickham Street</p>
10	<p><b>Extent of area</b> Please attach an ordnance survey plan showing the extent of the proposed neighbourhood area and indicate in the adjacent column the relationship of the proposed area to parish boundaries.</p> <p>If you need help to prepare a map please contact planning policy on 01284 757368</p>	<p><b>Please check as appropriate</b></p> <p><b>Proposed area covers the whole of a single parish boundary area:</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>Proposed area covers part of a single parish boundary area:</b> Yes      No x</p> <p><b>Proposed area covers multiple parish boundary areas:</b> Yes      No x</p> <p><b>Where the proposed area covers multiple parish boundary areas, please specify below as to whether each of the parishes is included in whole or in part within the proposed area:</b></p>
11	<p><b>Proposed neighbourhood area</b> Please describe why you consider this area is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area (continue on separate sheet if necessary).</p> <p>This is particularly important if it is not the full extent of the parish or includes part of another parish.</p>	<p>Wickhambrook is a large parish made up of a series of (thirteen) smaller greens, in many cases linked by narrow single track lanes.</p> <p>To ensure that any future development in the parish is appropriately distributed and does not adversely affect services, infrastructure and the environment in other parts of the parish, the whole parish should be designated as the proposed neighbourhood area.</p> <p>There was a need to submit a new application for the neighbourhood area as the Wickhambrook parish area was amended on 1 April 2023 as a result of a Community Governance Review. This application therefore supersedes the application approved on 1 October 2021.</p>

12	<p><b>Declaration</b></p> <p>I hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and accompanying map</p> <p>Please ensure all parishes involved have signed this application form.</p> <p>Continue on another sheet if necessary</p>	<p>Name: Hilary Workman</p> <p>Signature:</p>  <p>Parish Wickhambrook: 3 April 2023</p>
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13	<p><b>Supplementary information - optional</b></p> <p>Please tell us what you hope to achieve through the development of a neighbourhood plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Any information given in this section will in no way influence the decision to designate the proposed area. It will simply help officers understand your objectives as they currently stand - it is expected that your ideas will be subject to change until the formal planning process is complete. However, any information given will help us ensure that a neighbourhood plan is the correct vehicle for you to achieve your objectives.</p>	<p>The parish hopes to achieve a plan which will ensure that any future development within the parish can be supported by its existing services and infrastructure and not adversely affect its natural environment, historical significance or community facilities and amenity spaces (greens and recreational spaces).</p> <p>This would include a landscape appraisal and identification of suitable sites and scale of development, and the identification of any unmet housing need (to ensure that the housing needs of existing residents can be met as their circumstances change, which might include the establishment of new family units).</p> <p>The parish wants to ensure that the community is adequately supported by access to services, appropriate infrastructure and transport links and that its historic and natural environment is protected.</p>
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### Applying for neighbourhood area designation

The first formal step in neighbourhood planning is the submission of the proposed neighbourhood area to the local authority for designation. West Suffolk council has prepared this form to make it simple to apply for this designation.

### Filling out the form

Contact details - the address used on this form should be the main contact for future communication on the neighbourhood plan. Please be aware when completing the form that the information given may need to be published online.

Map of the area – if you need help to prepare a map showing the neighbourhood area please contact [neighbourhood.planning@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@westsuffolk.gov.uk) or call 01284 757368. Once completed, the form should be returned to:

Planning policy at the email address above.

### What happens next?

If the application is for a whole parish area, the local planning authority must designate the area and, upon receipt of the application form and supporting documentation, will issue a designation statement at the earliest opportunity.

If the application relates to more than one parish area or a smaller area within a parish, the council must publicise the area application on its website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the area to which the application relates. There will be a period of not less than four weeks of public consultation when the relevant council will invite comments on the application.

The relevant council will decide whether to designate the neighbourhood area as soon as possible after the consultation ends. To do this it will consider:

- if the application is valid. A valid application will:
  - have a map showing the area
  - have a statement explaining why it is considered an appropriate Neighbourhood Area
  - be from the 'relevant body'
- all representations made during the consultation
- whether the proposed area is appropriate and does not overlap with other areas –only one Neighbourhood Plan is permitted per Neighbourhood Area.

The relevant council may modify the application with the parish's consent if it is considered the neighbourhood area is not appropriate.

### Designation of the area

The relevant council will notify the parish and publish decisions on its website and within the neighbourhood area. Reasons will be given if the application is not successful within the decision document.

\*In areas where there is no parish council, parish meetings can either get involved with the Neighbourhood Planning in an adjoining parish or develop a Neighbourhood Forum with the authority to lead on their own Plan. For more information contact Planning Policy on 01284 757368.