

Neighbourhood Planning

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Within St Edmundsbury Borough and Forest Heath District, 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 Borough/District – 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.gov.uk

Please complete this form using information we can publish on our website if necessary		
1	The area which the application falls within	St Edmundsbury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Heath <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Name of parish (or lead parish where there is more than one)	Great Barton
3	Address	
4	Contact name & position	Linda Harley, Clerk of the parish, Great Barton
5	Telephone number	01284 787777
6	E-mail	Harley.parish@btinternet.com
7	Additional parish contact details If applicable, please list all parishes involved in this application and provide contact details for the clerks of each	Philip Reeve 01284 787583
8	Name of Neighbourhood Area Please give a name by which your neighbourhood area will be formally	Great Barton Neighbourhood Plan

	known. In many cases this will reflect the name of the parish/es it covers	
9	<p>Consultation Please provide information about how you have determined the area you are applying to designate and who you have consulted – e.g. residents, landowners, businesses</p> <p>March 28 to July 2012</p> <p>April to June 2013</p> <p>July 2013</p> <p>October – Dec 2013</p> <p>April 2014</p> <p>June 2014</p>	<p>The designation of area (the parish) is to build onto the Parish Plan of 2008-10 which encompassed the entire parish. This will provide the opportunity to compare and where there are significant differences to drill down for further evaluation.</p> <p>That published Parish Plan produced a hierarchy of aspirations and although many have been accomplished there is still work to be done. The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) will provide an update for the whole parish.</p> <p>Consultations during the St Edmundsbury Borough Council (SEBC) Visions process provided ample evidence the parishioners are galvanised to support the whole Parish and not one sector of it.</p> <p>Open Workshops for parishioners were held on the development of the triangle, (land bordered by A143, Mill Road and School Road). This scheme is to address concerns expressed from the Rural Vision 2031 North East development that may lunge Great Barton into a dormitory settlement, and to address a shortage of homes, especially for young families. Further meetings with parishioners were held on the interactions of Bury and Rural Visions 2031 with Great Barton and the ability for the village to maintain or increase its vitality</p> <p>Consultations over the processes and viability of affordable homes for the parish and the maintenance of identity for the village within the context of Rural and Bury Vision 2031.</p> <p>Two Extra-ordinary Council meeting progressing the latest versions of Visions 2031 and understanding the concerns and issues from residents allowing the Parish Council to formulate responses.</p> <p>Open session with Berkeley Homes and Taylor Wimpey re the Vision 2031 North East and Moreton Hall developments.</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting progressed the NE development ensuring SEBC core strategy provided the distinctiveness for Great Barton. During this period working relationships were ongoing with the NE developer and SEBC to ensure an appropriate buffer for Cattishall hamlet to the NE development.</p> <p>Consultation over transport concerns for the</p>

	<p>October 2014</p> <p>2011 - 2015</p> <p>April 2015</p> <p>July 2015</p> <p>2015</p> <p>2016</p>	<p>village with emphasis on the A143 with .</p> <p>Parish Open Morning (attended by over 60people) continuing a dialogue with the village on all matters and gathering opinions and team members for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Interest has been shown by this Parish Council in Great Barton’s development over the last few years. This has been through the Visions and Suffolk County Council (SCC)/GB/SEBC development of the triangle when meeting with representatives of both Councils. Additionally, Councillors have attended NP workshops hosted by SEBC to gather an understanding of the workload and process.</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting – Information provided and ably supported by Thurston PC on the process. There was support from the public towards a Neighbourhood Plan. Volunteers willing to assist with research and administration were recruited, (12 people showed willingness). The Ward and County Councillors provided their support and encouragement.</p> <p>Questionnaire at this PC meeting to establish topics important for a Neighbourhood Plan. This was further emailed to village information groups, on village notice boards and on the website. Information collated and presented to Parish Council in September. See supplementary information attached.</p> <p>Bordering parishes of Thurston, Fornham St Martin, Fornham All Saints, Gt Livermere and Rougham and Rushbrooke whether in written correspondence and/or verbally have indicated their support of Great Barton undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The dialogue with parishioners as catalogued above has involved the whole of the parish including the triangle with SCC and NE developers to ensure those areas are considered thoughtfully and integrated within the parish.</p> <p>Two meetings with planning officers have been conducted prior to 2015 over a NP for Gt Barton Parish A meeting with SEBC in October 2015 identified areas, the levels of support and the willingness to progress a NP. Discussions with SEBC, SCC and the North East Developer (Berkeley Homes) have confirmed their willingness to assist and desirability of including the whole Parish within the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
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10	<p>Extent of area Please attach an OS 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>Please check as appropriate</p> <p>Proposed area covers the whole of a single parish boundary area:</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Proposed area covers part of a single parish boundary area:</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Proposed area covers multiple parish boundary areas:</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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:</p>
11	<p>Proposed Neighbourhood Area 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>Great Barton Parish Council proposes to cover the entire parish.</p> <p>Great Barton has many outlying settlements; Cattishall, Barton Hamlets, East Barton, Conyers Green, linear developments along Livermere Road and a handful of scattered farms in addition to the central core of the village.</p> <p>Previous surveys, plans and consultations conducted in the village have covered the entire parish and the Neighbourhood plan would seek to do the same for continuity, consistency and cohesion of the parish.</p> <p>The parish of Great Barton has a mixture of dispersed rural areas with a housing core, the interfaces and integration of all those areas provides the culture of the parish and is a main objective of the NP to successfully manage and build on for future generations.</p> <p>That objective would encompass the two designated development areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The triangle; land bordered by the A143, School Road and Mill Road. 2. The North East development; land east of A143 stretching north of the railway line to Cattishall. <p>Great Barton Parish has limited services and amenities for its population and studying the whole parish will enable these to be positively planned. Working associations have already been established for the two developing areas mentioned and by embracing the whole parish will allow these to be developed efficiently.</p>

		<p>Encompassing the parish is consistent with Great Barton's submission under the Community Governance Review. Great Barton has a significant border with an urban environment and the NP will indicate measures to manage the many interfaces within the parish and those amenities and services immediately beyond the parish boundary.</p> <p>With a demand for housing the increasing challenge for our community will be the integration of existing with the two identified new developments. One of the visions and objectives of the Parish is to initiate links and build cohesiveness between all areas within our boundary and beyond.</p> <p>1. The Triangle which borders with the pre and primary school has already seen a dialogue between the primary school, the Parish Council and SCC. A masterplan is currently being established between SCC, GBPC and SEBC to achieve outstanding village aspirations and provide a focus area for the village with attached services. Inclusion of this area is natural within a NP to successfully integrate this development within the parish.</p> <p>2 The NE development area lying within the parish will have its challenges, amplified by poor transport linkages to the town and exacerbated by the railway line. Inclusion within a NP will encompass these constraints, bringing forward developments to promote community links with other areas of the Parish. Building this new rural community is best fulfilled by a likeminded, similar sized neighbour and being in the parish is best undertaken by the residents of the parish.</p> <p>Parish residents south of the railway line wish to retain a rural connection. To facilitate that status these residents will be considered within the NP to ensure their identity is recorded and details available to assist the proposed governance by the rural Parish Council of Rougham and Rushbrooke.</p> <p>The overall aim of a NP will be to present a vision with policies not only for housing and business development but future education provision, leisure opportunities, any roads or transport changes, medical facilities, and other infrastructure projects for the parish.</p> <p>It will also identify areas which need to be protected to retain and enhance the character</p>
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an	<p>Declaration I/we 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. Continue on another sheet if necessary</p>	<p>Name: Philip Reeve on behalf of Great Barton Parish Council</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Parish (lead parish where there is more than one):</p> <p>Date (dd/mm/yy): 22/04/16</p>
		<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Parish: _____</p> <p>Date (dd/mm/yy): _____</p>

13	<p>Supplementary information - optional</p> <p>Please tell us what you hope to achieve through the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Note: 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 Neighbourhood Plan will produce through consultation a plan, subjected to referendum that should facilitate the parish towards a higher quality of wellbeing, feeling safe, a strong bond of belonging to a vibrant village and more self-reliant.</p> <p>A key objective is to produce a strategic plan with statutory status for self-determining development over the following 15-20 years.</p> <p>Please see the accompanying sheet detailing more of the goals from a Neighbourhood plan.</p>
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Guidance Note

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. St Edmundsbury Borough Council

and Forest Heath District Council have 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 or call 01284 757368. Once completed, the form should be returned to:

Planning Policy
St Edmundsbury Borough Council
West Suffolk House
Western Way
Bury St Edmunds
IP33 3YU

What happens next?

The relevant 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 4 weeks of public consultation if you are applying for the whole area of the parish council, and in all other cases 6 weeks, when the relevant Council will invite comments on the application.

The relevant Council will decide whether to designate the Neighbourhood Area. 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*