

Responses to the Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe Neighbourhood Area designation consultation (25 May – 22 June 2017)

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22.06.2017	Suffolk County Council	<p>The county council has no objection to the area as proposed in your email dated 24th May 2017. However, as the plan is developed, appropriate consideration will need to be given to the impacts of proposals on other parishes in the locality.</p> <p>The Plan may or may not impact on Suffolk County Council service responsibilities, depending on what the Parish Council is seeking to achieve. If the plan is likely to impact on any of the county council's services, such as transport or education (in particular), we would welcome the opportunity to discuss the Parish Council's proposals at an early stage in the plan's preparation. Potentially relevant county council services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Archaeology - Education - Fire and Rescue - Flooding - Health and Wellbeing - Libraries - Minerals and Waste - Natural Environment - Public Rights of Way - Transport 	Noted. No change required.
21.06.2017	Natural England	Natural England does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body.	Noted. No change required.

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		However we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information sources the neighbourhood planning body may wish to use in developing the plan, and to highlight some of the potential environmental risks and opportunities that neighbourhood plans may present. We have set this out in the annex to this letter.	
08.06.2017	Suffolk Police	In relation to the Ixworth plan no specific observations from Ixworth Police	Noted. No change required
07.06.2017	Health and Safety Executive	<p>1. The National Planning Policy Framework (Para. 172) requires that planning policies should be based on up-to-date information on the location of major accident hazards and on the mitigation of the consequences of major accidents</p> <p>2. Regulation 10(1)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as amended¹ requires that in local plans and supplementary planning documents, regard be had for the objectives of preventing major accidents and limiting the consequences of such accidents for human health and the environment by pursuing those objectives through the controls described in Article 13 of Council Directive 2012/18/EU (Seveso III)². Regulation 10(c)(i) requires that regard also be had to the need, in the long term, to maintain appropriate safety distances between establishments and residential areas, buildings and areas of public use, recreational areas, and, as far as possible, major transport routes.</p>	Noted. No change required.
05.06.2017	Troston Parish Council – Chairman, Graeme Norris	I am the Chairman of Troston Parish Council. Troston is a few miles from Ixworth and it is designated our "Service Hub" in the Borough's Vision 2031. We wish to be consulted on the developments in and around Ixworth - and feel the proposed boundary too limited!	Noted. Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe parish councils will invite Troston and other immediate

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		<p>For example, Ixworth provides a range of shops and the opposition Ixworth local shop keepers raised in the past about the opening of a small supermarket, for example, was not echoed in Troston - which no longer has any shops.</p> <p>Troston residents need to drive and park in Ixworth so past objections to providing more parking space was also not favourably received.</p> <p>As new houses are built in Ixworth, and the surrounding infill villages, there is interest in the Library, possible Dental Clinic etc - and more importantly to some, the state of local lanes which will be taking more traffic.</p> <p>In essence, we welcome the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan but would like to be involved at a formative stage as the development of Ixworth as our "Service Hub". As a Parish Council we appreciate the concerns of making a plan too complicated but believe we can make constructive comments. Also as neighbours we wish to be kept in the loop on proposals and would like to send a representative to the relevant Meetings.</p>	<p>neighbouring villages to be consulted and submit feedback as and when their input is required. No change required.</p>
01.06.2017	Highways England	<p>Plan won't have significant affect upon the strategic road network. Therefore no comments in this instance.</p>	<p>Noted. No change required.</p>
31.05.2017	Stowlangtoft Parish Council – Amy Bryant	<p>Stowlangtoft Parish Council would like to thank you for the email regarding the neighbourhood area designation. Having looked at the boundary depicted, it looks entirely reasonable. Therefore the Parish Council are merely acknowledging receipt of the plan with no additional comments.</p>	<p>Noted. No change required</p>

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31.05.2017	Pakenham Parish Council – Sandra Brown	Pakenham Parish Council have studied the map given and all Councillors agreed the boundaries appeared to be correct.	Noted. No change required.
30.05.2017	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 will send a copy to Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council for their use.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Area incorporates a number of designated heritage assets including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scheduled Monument, Ixworth Roman Villa • 3 GI listed buildings • 3 GII* listed buildings • 66 Grade II listed buildings <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> <p>The Design and Conservation team at St Edmundsbury Borough Council are best placed to assist the Parish Council 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 Suffolk County Council Archaeology and Historic Environment Service who look after the Historic Environment Record and give advice on</p>	Noted. No change required.

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		<p>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 (www.heritagegateway.org.uk). It may also be useful for the Parish Councils 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>	
30.05.2017	Babergh/Mid Suffolk – Paul Bryant	Mid Suffolk District Council has no objection to the area being proposed for the Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan. As the Plan progresses we would welcome the opportunity to consider and make representations on draft stages of the Plan that may be relevant to this local authority area.	Noted. No change required
29.05.2017	Nicola and James Macrae – no address	Thank you for your letter regarding the above. Looking at the proposed plan we would like to comment that the omission of the most westerly entrance into the Village from the A143 seems a little odd. As this is ultimately the area to be used as a planning document for development and growth of the villages it would seem sensible to include all the major junctions from the main road.	Noted. The neighbourhood area follows the line of the parish boundary. This approach is recommended in the neighbourhood planning guidance. No change required.

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25.05.2017	Sport England	<p>Government planning policy, within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.</p> <p>It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Planning Policy Statement: 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England'. http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy</p>	Noted. No change required.
24.05.2017	Anglian Water	We have no comments to make at this time, however if the Neighbourhood Plan progresses we would welcome the opportunity to make representations on draft stages on any aspects relevant to Anglian Water.	Noted. No change required.