

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.gov.uk

Please complete this form using information we can publish on our website if necessary		
1	The area which the application falls within	West Suffolk
2	Name of parish (or lead parish where there is more than one)	WITHERSFIELD
3	Address	c/o The Chairman, Sparrow Hall Cottage, 8 Silver Street, Withersfield Suffolk CB9 7SN
4	Contact name & position	Terry Rich, Chairman, Withersfield Parish Council
5	Telephone number	01440 421724
6	E-mail	Terryrich53@gmail.com Withersfieldpc@gmail.com Iankinloch49@gmail.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	Laura Crump Clerk, Withersfield Parish Council Withersfieldpc@gmail.com
8	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/es it covers	Withersfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan
9	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	We have discussed at an open meeting in the parish in October 2019 and have included information about the proposal in our Parish Newsletter.

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: Yes No</p> <p>Proposed area covers part of a single parish boundary area: Yes No</p> <p>Proposed area covers multiple parish boundary areas: Yes No</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>Withersfield Parish is located adjacent to Haverhill and is a rural contrast,co-existing alongside the more urban environment of the town.</p> <p>It consists of the historic village of Withersfield along with Hanchett End and a newer development of the Arboretum on the "Haverhill Research Park" site.</p> <p>In the St Edmundsbury Parish Boundary review consultation in 2016 (?), there was extensive consultation with residents as to whether rthe Arboretum and Hanchett End areas should remain part of Withersfield or be redesignated as part of Haverhill. At that time their was a strong preference for remaining part of Withersfield with many residents strongly associating themselves with Withersfield Parish.</p> <p>The parish benefits from few local amenities, but those that it has – the village hall, cricket ground and two pubs (the White Horse and the Flying Shuttle) are used by residents from all areas of the parish.</p> <p>It is the view of the Parish Council that the different areas of the parish impact on the whole – i.e rapid development of the research park area has a significant impact on traffic and other amenities and services.</p>
12	<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: Terry Rich</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Parish (lead parish where there is more than one): Withersfield Parish Council</p> <p>Date 03/01/2020</p>

		Name: Signature: Parish: Date (dd/mm/yy):

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 Parish Council aims to establish a framework against which future planning and development proposals can be assessed.</p> <p>We are aware that there is considerable pressure for additional housing developments in our region and believe that there could be significant risks to the character of the Parish and the historic village if there isn't great care in determining the extent to which new developments can be permitted.</p> <p>Our overriding aim is to ensure that the Parish Council is best able to represent the best interests of present and future residents of the Parish and the surrounding area by protecting the rural characteristics and historic nature of the village and the semi-rural tranquillity of the other parts of the parish.</p> <p>We want to identify whether there are areas where limited development can be permitted without undermining the qualities outlined.</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. 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.

Appendix 1

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
West Suffolk Council
West Suffolk House
Western Way
Bury St Edmunds
IP33 3YU

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 4 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*