

**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 (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) 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.

Please complete this form using information we can publish on our website if necessary.

The area which the application falls within is West Suffolk
Name of parish (or lead parish where there is more than one) Horringer cum Ickworth Parish Council
Contact address: Magnolia House, Sharpes Lane, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, IP29 5PW
Contact name and position:- Peter Crofts. Vice Chair, Horringer cum Ickworth Parish Council
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Additional parish contact details If applicable, please list all parishes involved in this application and provide contact details for the clerks of each
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 it covers Horringer cum Ickworth
Consultation The area comprises the full extent of the civil parishes of Ickworth and Horringer as per the attached map.

The Parish Council's decision to prepare a neighbourhood plan was influenced by the 2020 West Suffolk Local Plan Issues and Options consultation in 2020. Considerable local interest was generated with many varied responses from local residents. Prior to that, the parish council contributed to the work of the Rural Task Force which highlighted the need for rural social housing in West Suffolk. The issues involved in the production of a NP have been discussed at parish council meetings, online and in the quarterly Village Diary over the last 12 months, This culminated in a public meeting held on December 1st 2021 when a presentation was made and support was expressed by attendees. A further issue for the parish council is the proposals for the redevelopment of West Suffolk Hospital which will have significant implications for the parish area.

Extent of area

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. If you need help to prepare a map please contact planning policy on neighbourhood.planning@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Does the proposed area cover the whole of a single parish boundary area:

- yes
 no

Does the proposed area cover part of a single parish boundary area:

- yes
 no

Does the proposed area cover multiple parish boundary areas:

- yes
 no

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:

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). This is particularly important if it is not the full extent of the parish or includes part of another parish.

Horringer cum Ickworth is an attractive, substantial and mainly rural parish influenced in various ways by its proximity to Bury St. Edmunds and issues relating to the A143 Principal Road which runs through the village. The western area of the parish includes the Ickworth Estate owned by The National Trust while the north eastern part of the parish will be significantly affected by the proposed redevelopment of West Suffolk Hospital. It is

therefore considered to be very important to include these and surrounding farms and landscape in the neighbourhood area.

The main part of the village is characterised by a large village green with other incidental areas of open space. There are 49 listed buildings in the village.

The parish council are keen to ensure that it can help to shape and influence the future of the village and also respond to the needs and aspirations of residents and businesses. We have agreed to go ahead with a housing needs assessment following the 2020 Rural Task Force study carried out by West Suffolk Council which identified serious issues in rural parts of the district. There are only limited employment opportunities in the village

Declaration

I or we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and accompanying map

Please ensure all parishes involved have signed this application form. Continue on another sheet if necessary

Name: Peter Crofts

Signature:

Parish (lead parish where there is more than one): Horringer cum Ickworth Parish Council

Date: March 3rd 2022

Second signatory if applicable

Name:

Signature:

Parish (lead parish where there is more than one):

Date:

Supplementary information – optional

Please tell us what you hope to achieve through the development of a neighbourhood plan.

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.

Guidance notes

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

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.