

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area

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

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Please note that the information provided on this application form may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Communities team.

* Indicates a mandatory field

1. Parish Clerk details

Title:*
 First name:*
 Last name:*
 Property name or no.:*
 Address 1:*
 Address 2:
 Address 3:
 Town:*
 County:*
 Postcode:*
 Email address:

2. Additional contact details (if different)

Title:
 First name:
 Last name:
 Property name or no.:
 Address 1:
 Address 2:
 Address 3:
 Town:
 County:
 Postcode:
 Email address:

3. Relevant body:

Please confirm that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations.

Yes

No

District:*

Parish:*

Babergh

Hadleigh North

4. Name of the Neighbourhood Area:

Please give a name which your neighbourhood area will be formally known:*

5. Extent of the area:

Please indicate below and attach an OS plan showing the intended extent of the area:*

Whole parish boundary area:

Part of the parish:

Joint with neighbouring parish:

To satisfy Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a statement is required to explain why the proposed neighbourhood plan area is considered appropriate in order for it to be designated. Please provide a statement below that explains why you consider the extent of the neighbourhood area appropriate:*

6. Intention of Neighbourhood Area:

Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area:*

- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Neighbourhood Development Order
- Community Right to Build Order

Please provide support for your choice below. For example, which parish and community meeting has the above choice been discussed at? Are the community aware of what is being proposed and why? Do the community support the choice selected?*

The Town Council has undertaken a Residents Survey commissioned with the Electoral Services Commission to ascertain how people wish to see Hadleigh in the future

7. Additional joint parish details:

If you are applying with an adjoining parish or parishes please give the clerk's details for each parish:

8. Declaration:

I/we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and the accompanying plan.

Name(s)*

Date (dd/mm/yy)*



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Hadleigh Town Council initially discussed the concept of a Neighbourhood Plan approximately three years ago and Councillors decided it was something they wished to pursue.

A small working party was set up to investigate the procedure, find out what the Town Council was required to do and assess how the outcome could benefit the town. Councillors then attended various national, regional and local conferences and events and, as a result of the feedback received, the Town Council decided to proceed. (Later, in July 2014, the Town Council agreed to set aside £30,000 to cover expenses for the production of a Plan).

The Annual Town Meeting of May 2014 saw the launch of the proposal. The process, with detailed maps to show the area to be covered (ie both wards of the town), and the potential outcomes for the town's development were outlined. The public took the opportunity to suggest areas of concern, potential developments within the town and other relevant matters.

However, the Town Council was aware that it needed, as a first step, to formally ascertain local support and, in order to do this, commissioned from Electoral Reform a questionnaire for distribution to all households. The Council was successful in securing funding from Locality to finance this to a large extent with the Town Council contributing the remainder from money set aside.

The questionnaire went out in November 2014 and in January 2015 two all-day events were held to enable members of the community to see the results of the survey and to make further comments. The results were also widely publicised in the local press and in the Hadleigh Community News. Comments on both the returned questionnaires and from members of the public have indicated overwhelming support for a Neighbourhood Plan. The events in January also attracted members of the public from some of the surrounding villages who, whilst understanding that they have no formal place in the consultation process, nevertheless feel that because they shop, visit the doctor, hairdresser etc in Hadleigh have an interest in what happens in the Town. The Town Council is glad to have these expressions of interest and will take note of their comments. So far, there has only been one negative comment and that referred to the costs involved, rather than the idea of a Plan itself.

Since then, a further 'pop-up' consultation has been held at the monthly Farmers' Market held during the always well-attended Café Church at St Mary's, Hadleigh.

Plans are in hand once the new Town Council is in place to hold further 'pop-ups'. Agreement has already been given by the Co-Op, Morrisons, the Library, Leisure Centre and Health Centre to use their reception/foyer areas. It is also hoped that further support funding will be forthcoming to allow for a business/retail survey and for consultations with the town's schools and youth groups.

Again, it will be the responsibility of the incoming Town Council to appoint members to a new Working Party which will then take forward the process. It is hoped that this new group will be made up of councillors and some of those members of the community who have already expressed an interest in being part of the process.