

# Place Directorate

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## Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (General) Regulations 2012 (As amended)

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 Hadleigh Town Council applied to Babergh District Council to designate the whole of the Town boundary (north and south wards) as a Neighbourhood Area for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

A map identifying the designated area can be viewed at: [www.babergh.gov.uk/HadleighNDP](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/HadleighNDP)

The application was made under Regulation 5 of the above regulations. Comments were invited on the application between Monday 1st June 2015 and 4:00pm on Monday 29th June 2015. The reason for the delay between receiving the application and publication was due to the pre-election period and to enable wide circulation of the proposal within the area.

As per the regulations the consultation process was conducted in the following manner to bring the area application to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the area to which the area application relates: Hadleigh Community News which is distributed to the majority of households in the area (June 2015 edition distributed on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015); Newspaper press release printed in the East Anglian Daily Times (15/06/15) and Sudbury Free Press (11/06/15); social media releases; notices on the Town noticeboards; directly notifying local businesses and landowners/planning agents (previously known to Babergh District Council). The area application and map of the area were placed online at [www.babergh.gov.uk/HadleighNDP](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/HadleighNDP) and hard copies were available for public inspection at Babergh District Council offices. Consultation bodies as per Schedule 1 of the above regulations were also consulted out of courtesy to bring the prospect to their earliest attention.

A total of five responses were received to the area consultation which included general advice and support. This level of response does not differ from the previous area designation consultations conducted by Babergh District Council. A number of different consultation techniques have previously been used to contact all households and there has been no change to the level of response. It is thought that this is because of the nature of the consultation in that there is less interest in a proposed Area that follows a pre-existing Town Boundary. Once the Town Council starts to identify issues for the Neighbourhood Plan the level of response is expected to increase.

As no material objections were received, the Head of Economy can designate the Neighbourhood Area through delegated powers awarded by Strategy Committee in July 2013. Under Regulation 7 of the above regulations (as amended) and following the statutory consultation period, the District Council has designated the application area as a Neighbourhood Area in order to facilitate the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan by Hadleigh Town Council.

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