



Beccles Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Information Statement

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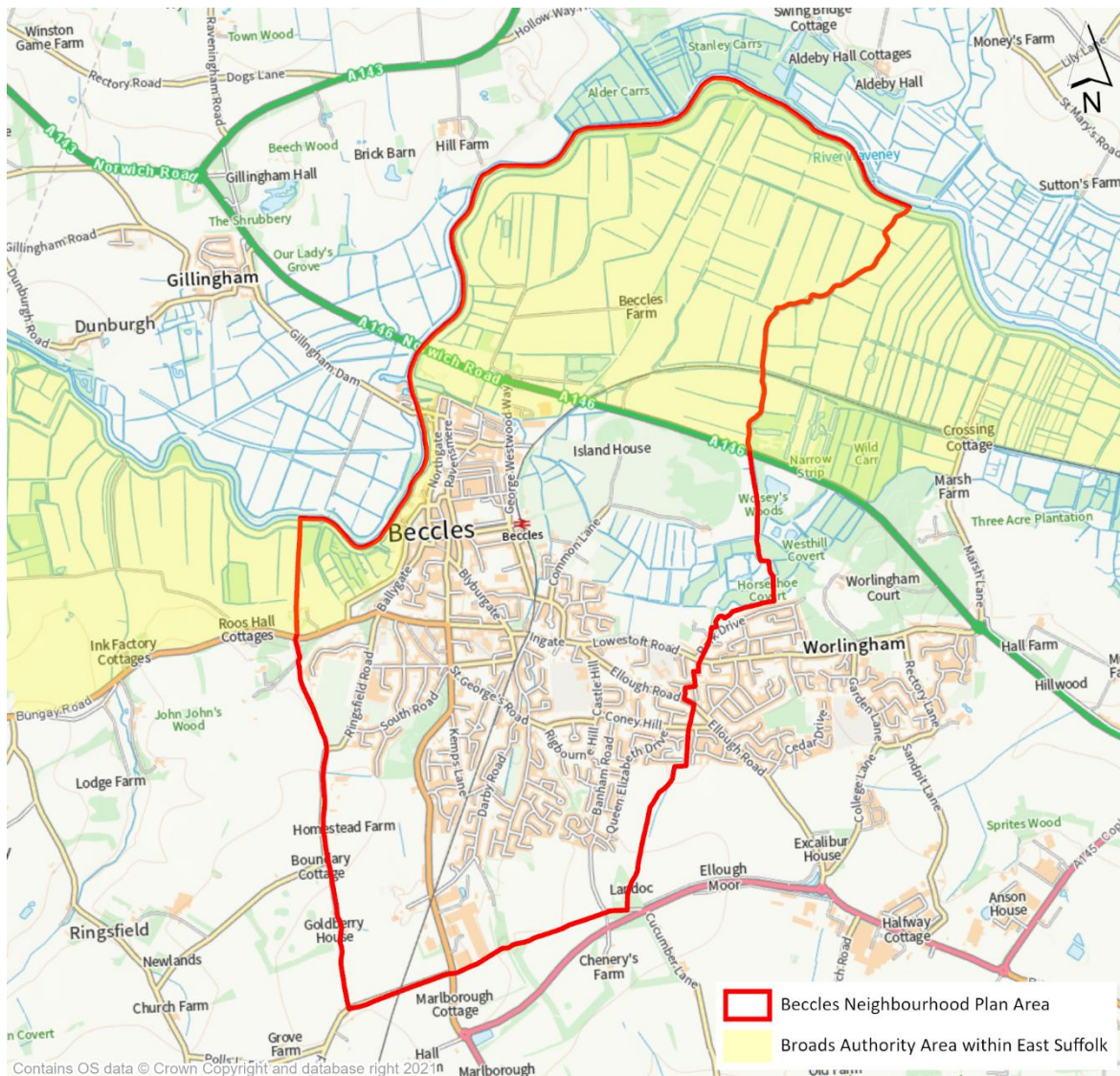
Referendum Date: Thursday 16th September 2021

A Neighbourhood Planning Referendum will be held for the Beccles Neighbourhood Plan on **16th September 2021**. The question asked in the referendum will be:

Do you want the Broads Authority and East Suffolk Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Beccles to help them decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

The Referendum Area

The referendum area is the same as the neighbourhood plan area, which was designated by (former) Waveney District Council on 8th November 2017.



A person is entitled to vote in the referendum on Thursday 16th September 2021 if:

- He or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area; and,
- His or her qualifying address for the election is in the referendum area.

The referendum expenses limit for this referendum is £2,843.48. This limit has been calculated based on the number of people entitled to vote in the referendum being 8,042.

The referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local Government Elections.

The Specified Documents, which are required to be made available through the referendum period, are:

- The draft Beccles Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2036 (Referendum Draft, August 2021);
- The report of the independent examiner;
- A summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- A statement by East Suffolk Council that the draft plan meets the basic conditions and Convention rights (Decision Statement);
- A statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum (this Information for voters); and,
- A statement containing basic information about the referendum (Information Statement).

These documents can be viewed online at:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-plans-in-the-area/beccles-neighbourhood-area/>

The Specified Documents are also available to view at:

Beccles Library
Blyburgate,
Beccles,
NR34 9TB

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If you are unable to view the documents online or at Beccles Library and do not wish to receive documents by post, the Council is able to make arrangements for documents to be viewed in person, by appointment, in the Council's offices at either Riverside, Lowestoft or East Suffolk House, Melton, in a Covid secure manner. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Planning Policy and Delivery Team on the details above. Please note staff are continuing to work from home and therefore it will not be possible to speak to staff in the office about the documents. If you have any queries about the documents, please use the phone number or email above. The provisions are subject to review in relation to the practicality and possibility for documents to be made available in the Council's Customer Service Centres and in libraries for public inspection, subject to changes to national restrictions.