

# Suffolk Coastal District Council

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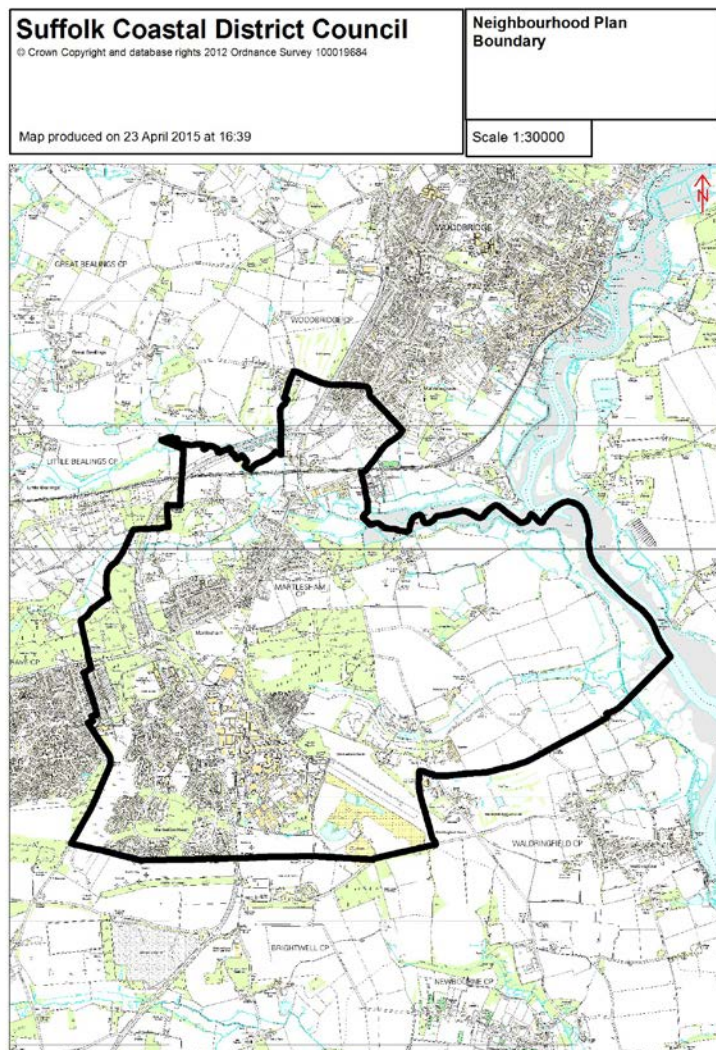
## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING NOTICE

### The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Article 7)

**Name of neighbourhood area**            **MARTLESHAM**  
**Name of “relevant body”**            **MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

In accordance with the above Regulations (Regulation 7 1990 Act 61G (9)) notice is hereby given that Suffolk Coastal District Council has **REFUSED** the neighbourhood area submitted by Martlesham Parish Council as shown in Fig 1 below. The full reasons for this decision are set out in the Decision Document [which can be viewed here](#) or at the Council Offices, Melton Hill Woodbridge IP12 1AU during normal office hours.

Fig1



A valid application for the designation of Martlesham parish as a neighbourhood plan area was submitted to Suffolk Coastal District Council and was consulted upon over the six week period 26/01/2015 to 09/03/2015. Upon consideration of the application, and the representations received, Suffolk Coastal District Council has determined that the area as submitted is not the most suitable neighbourhood plan area for Martlesham.

In brief, Martlesham is a complex area for planning policy purposes. The excluded area to the north of the parish (see Fig 2) is considered to be visually and functionally more closely linked to the town of Woodbridge and Core Strategy policy SP26 Woodbridge. A majority of residents who commented on the neighbourhood plan area designation confirmed that they considered themselves part of Woodbridge rather than Martlesham and looked to the town for schools, doctors, shopping etc. This section of the parish is now included within a neighbourhood area for [Woodbridge \(with part of Martlesham\)](#). Martlesham Parish Council raised no objection to this.

The excluded area to the south east of the parish (see Fig2) comprises part of the geographical extent of a strategic, comprehensive planning application for employment, housing and associated facilities. The application boundary extends into the neighbouring parishes of Brightwell and Waldringfield. The application is at an advanced stage and if permitted would broadly meet the strategic housing and employment growth proposed for this part of the district as set out in Policy SP20 – Eastern Ipswich Plan Area. It is only through the housing and employment elements of the application working together, as an integrated package, that the strategic scale of growth identified under policy SP20 will be achieved. Any grant of planning permission will be subject to a condition requiring a masterplan to be produced. The community would have input into the masterplan.

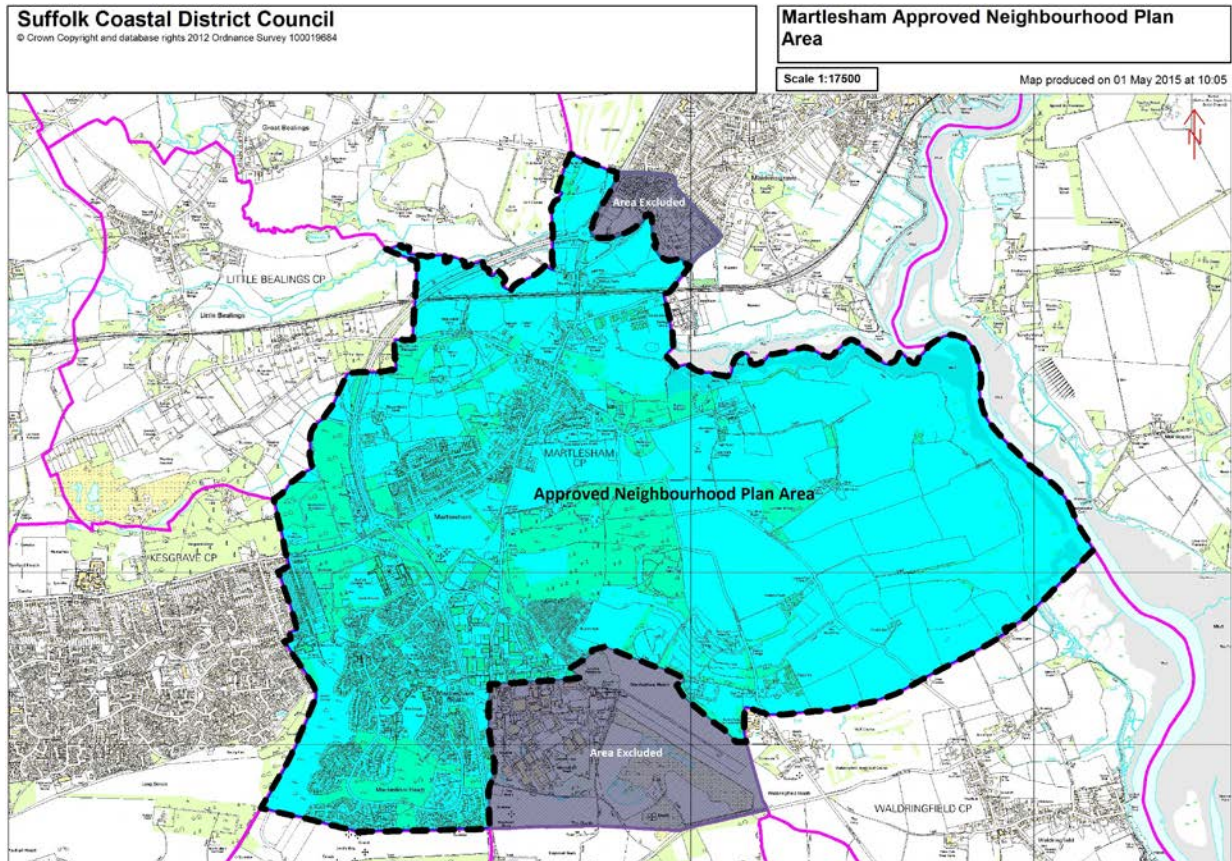
Planning policy SP20 and more specifically the 2000 homes identified for this area is the subject of an on-going legal challenge. Were the legal challenge to succeed, this is a strategic matter of district wide significance and therefore inappropriate for consideration through a neighbourhood plan. For this reason also the Council has determined that this section of the parish should be excluded from the neighbourhood plan area as submitted.

The combined neighbourhood plan / masterplan approach is considered to provide a strong local input / influence and a strong framework to ensure the physical and social integration between existing and future communities, service provision and land uses over the next 15 to 20 years.

Where a valid application is made and some or all of the specified area proposed is not designated as a neighbourhood area and the refusal is because the local planning authority (Suffolk Coastal District Council) considers that the area isn't suitable, then it must ensure that some or all of the area specified in the original application forms part of one or more areas designated or to be designated as neighbourhood areas (1990 Act 61G (5)).

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that Suffolk Coastal District Council has **APPROVED** a revised neighbourhood plan area for Martlesham as set out in Fig 2. The revised neighbourhood area boundary line follows physical features on the ground that are readily discernible.

Fig2



Signed

Date: 05/05/2015

Cllr Geoff Holdcroft - Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Planning