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Dear Mr Taylor

### Trimley St Mary Neighbourhood Area

Thank you for consulting Historic England about the application to designate Trimley St Mary as a Neighbourhood Area. Historic England has no objection to this designation, but we would like to take this opportunity to provide some initial advice on the matter and will send a copy to the Parish Council for their use in the event that their application is successful.

The Neighbourhood Area incorporates a number of designated heritage assets including:

- The Scheduled Monument, Anti-aircraft site at Searson's Farm
- 13 Grade II listed structures

It will be important that the strategy put together for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the importance of these historic assets. This will assist in ensuring they can be enjoyed by future generations of the area and make sure it is in line with national planning policy.

The historic buildings conservation officer at Suffolk Coastal District Council is the best placed person to assist the Parish Council in the development of their Neighbourhood Plan and advising them to consider how the strategy might address the area's heritage assets.

We would also recommend that the Parish Council speak to the staff at Suffolk County Council Archaeology Service who look after the Historic Environment Record and give advice on archaeological matters. They should be able to provide details of not only any designated heritage assets but also locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the Heritage Gateway ([www.heritagegateway.org.uk](http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk)). It may also be useful for the Parish Council to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society,



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local history groups, building preservation trusts, etc. in the production of their Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plans need to include enough information about local heritage to guide planning decisions and to put broader strategic heritage policies from the local authority's local plan into action at a neighbourhood scale. If appropriate this should include enough information about local non-designated heritage assets including sites of archaeological interest to guide decisions.

Further information and guidance on how heritage can best be incorporated into Neighbourhood Plans has been produced by Historic England. This signposts a number of other documents which the Parish Council might find useful in helping to identify what it is about their area which makes it distinctive and how they might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. These can be found at:-

<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>

If you have any queries about this matter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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