

Neighbourhood Area Application Decision Notice

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Neighbourhood Area Approved

Name of Neighbourhood Area: Beccles
Qualifying Body: Beccles Town Council
Application Date: 9th May 2017

Decision under Regulation 7 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended):

The application for the designation of the Parish of Beccles as a Neighbourhood Area, for the purposes of neighbourhood planning is **Approved**.

Date of Decision: 8th November 2017

Signed:



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Consideration

Is the organisation making the area application the relevant body under Section 61G (2) of the 1990 Act?

Yes. Beccles Town Council submitted the area designation application.

Has the application been submitted in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)?

Yes. The application was accompanied by a map identifying the proposed Neighbourhood Area, a statement explaining why the area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, and a statement that Beccles Town Council is the relevant body to make the application.

Is the Neighbourhood Area considered appropriate? Section 61G (4)

Yes. The Neighbourhood Area applied for has previously been part of a wider Beccles Neighbourhood Area (approved 3rd August 2015), but this area is disbanding and some of the Parishes are choosing to form new Neighbourhood Areas. The Neighbourhood Area applied for covers the whole of the parish of Beccles. Neighbouring Parish Councils have been consulted and the application has been publicised and no objections have been made. Therefore the Neighbourhood Area is considered appropriate.

Has the application been properly publicised?

Yes. Waveney District Council undertook a six week consultation between 16th June and 28th July 2017. The consultation was publicised on Waveney District Council's website in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Beccles Town Council was provided with a site notice to copy and display in appropriate locations in the parish.

Were any comments received during the consultation period?

Yes.

Summary of comments received:

There were five responses to the consultation.

Historic England made no objection and provided some background advice on heritage matters and neighbourhood planning.

Natural England made no objection and provided background advice for neighbourhood planning.

Gladman Developments Ltd stated they wished to participate in the Neighbourhood Plan's preparation and provided comments on legislation; high court judgements; national and local planning policy; and Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal.

Two members of the public supported the designation application.

(All responses to the consultation can be viewed at: -

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

The Broads Authority

The Neighbourhood Area applied for lies partly in the Broads Authority administrative area. The Broads Authority Planning Committee agreed the Neighbourhood Area designation at their meeting on 13th October 2017.

Are any modifications required to the Neighbourhood Area? Section 61G (6)

No. The matters the Council is required to take into consideration at this time are: -

‘The desirability of designating the whole of the area of the parish council as a Neighbourhood Area; and

The desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as Neighbourhood Areas’.

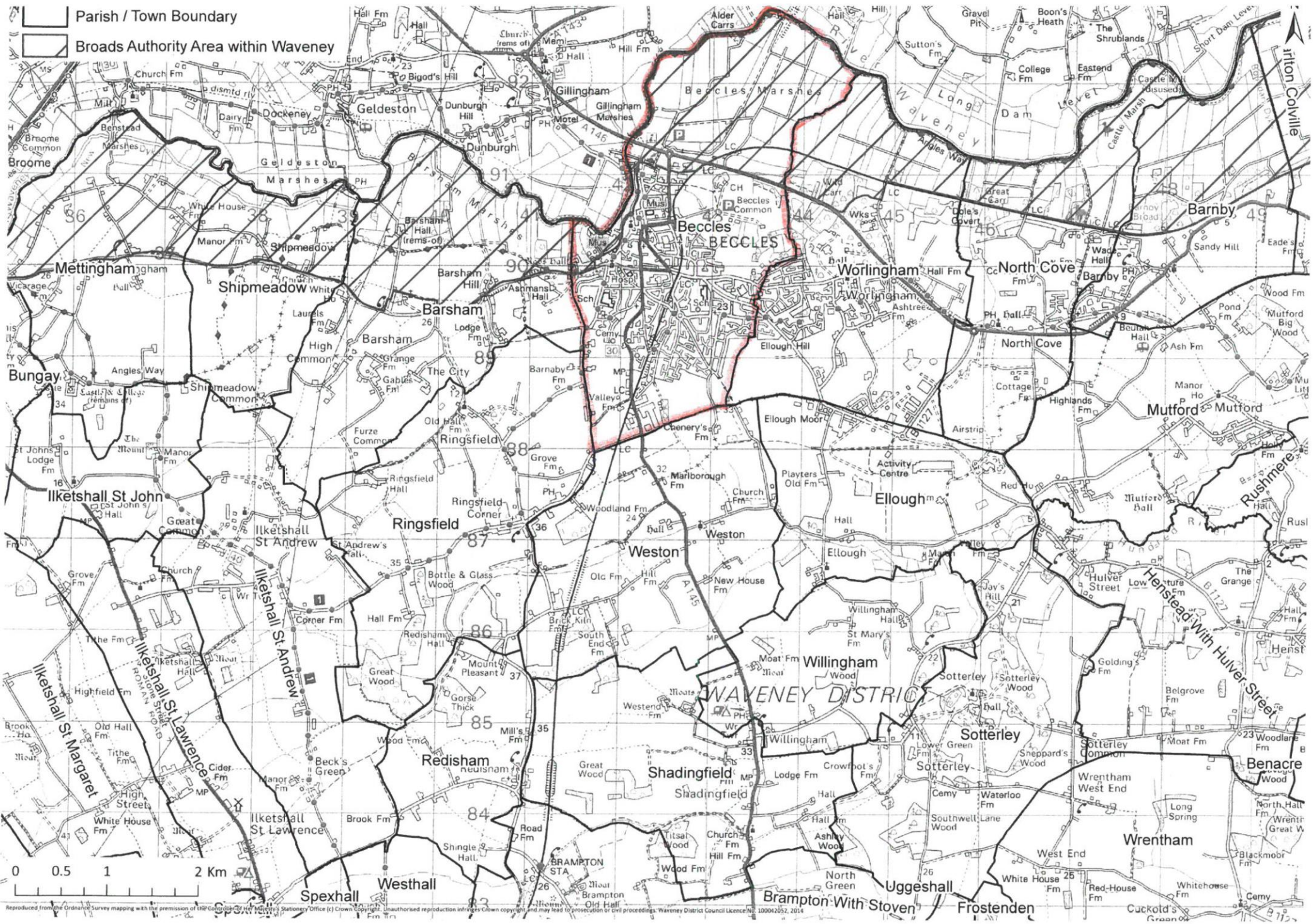
The Neighbourhood Area applied for has previously been approved as part of a different Beccles Neighbourhood Area (approved 3rd August 2015) which included Beccles and some neighbouring parishes. This application would result in the modification of this previously approved Beccles Neighbourhood Area. The previously approved Beccles Neighbourhood Area is disbanding and some of the Parishes including Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough joint parish are forming new neighbourhood areas. Neighbouring Parish Councils have been consulted and there have been no objections. As such no reasons have been found to modify the area.

For the reasons set out above there are no valid reasons why Waveney District Council should not designate the Neighbourhood Area for Beccles Parish as submitted.

Recommendation:

That following consideration of the application by the Local Plan Working Group at it's meeting held on 8th November 2017 and the Broads Authority at their Development Control Committee held on 13th October 2017, consideration of their recommendations by the Head of Planning and Coastal Management in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Coastal Management designation of the Parish of Beccles as a Neighbourhood Area is **Approved**.

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