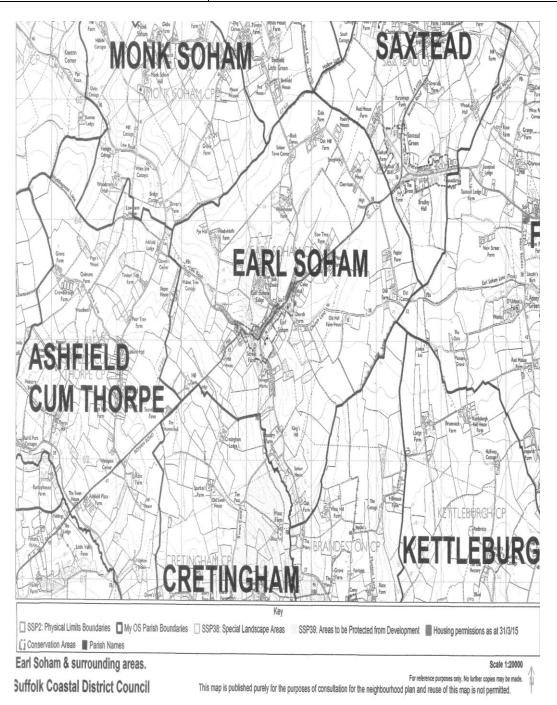


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Neighbourhood Area Determination and Decision

| Name of neighbourhood area | Earl Soham |
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| Parish /Town Council | Earl Soham Parish Council |



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The procedures governing the production of Neighbourhood Plans are set out in the <u>Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012</u> (as amended). The first formal stage in the Neighbourhood Plan process is the application by the "relevant body" to the Local Planning Authority for neighbourhood area designation. (Part 2, paragraph 5).

The Local Planning Authority is required to publicise the application for certain circumstances (Part 2, paragraph 6) to determine the application following consideration of representations received and to publicise its decision.

There is no requirement at this stage in the process for the applicant to state what issues it is intended that the Neighbourhood Plan would cover; it is purely the geographic area to which Neighbourhood Plan policies would apply.

DETERMINATION

1. Has the applicant fulfilled all the necessary requirements?

Yes. The Neighbourhood Area designation application has been submitted by Earl Soham Parish Council who are the "relevant body" for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.

The application was accompanied by a map and statement identifying Earl Soham Parish as the area proposed to be designated and the reasons for that.

2. <u>Has the application been properly advertised?</u>

As required in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/873/pdfs/uksi/20160873 en.pdf, applications for which the whole of the parish boundary only is utilised there is no requirement to undertake public consultation as to the Neighbourhood Area Application. As such Earl Soham Parish Council may proceed to the next stages of the neighbourhood plan making process.

3. Are there any reasons why the application should not be permitted as submitted?

There are no reasons why the application should not be permitted as submitted, which would result in the neighbourhood area being the Earl Soham parish boundary.

The Council received an Application for Designation of Earl Soham Neighbourhood Plan Area on the 8th November 2017.

The Council received the requisite area application documents in accordance with regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/regulation/5/made. These being:

- o a map which identifies the area to which the area application relates;
- o a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and
- a statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Regulation 6A of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/regulation/5/made states that a Local Authority in receipt of an application from a relevant body must determine the application.

CONCLUSION

There are no valid planning reasons why Suffolk Coastal District Council should not designate the proposed neighbourhood area for Earl Soham parish as amended.

DECISION UNDER REGULATION 7 OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012

The application for the designation of Earl Soham Neighbourhood Plan Area is APPROVED.

Cllr Tony Fryatt

Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning

Date: 18th December 2017