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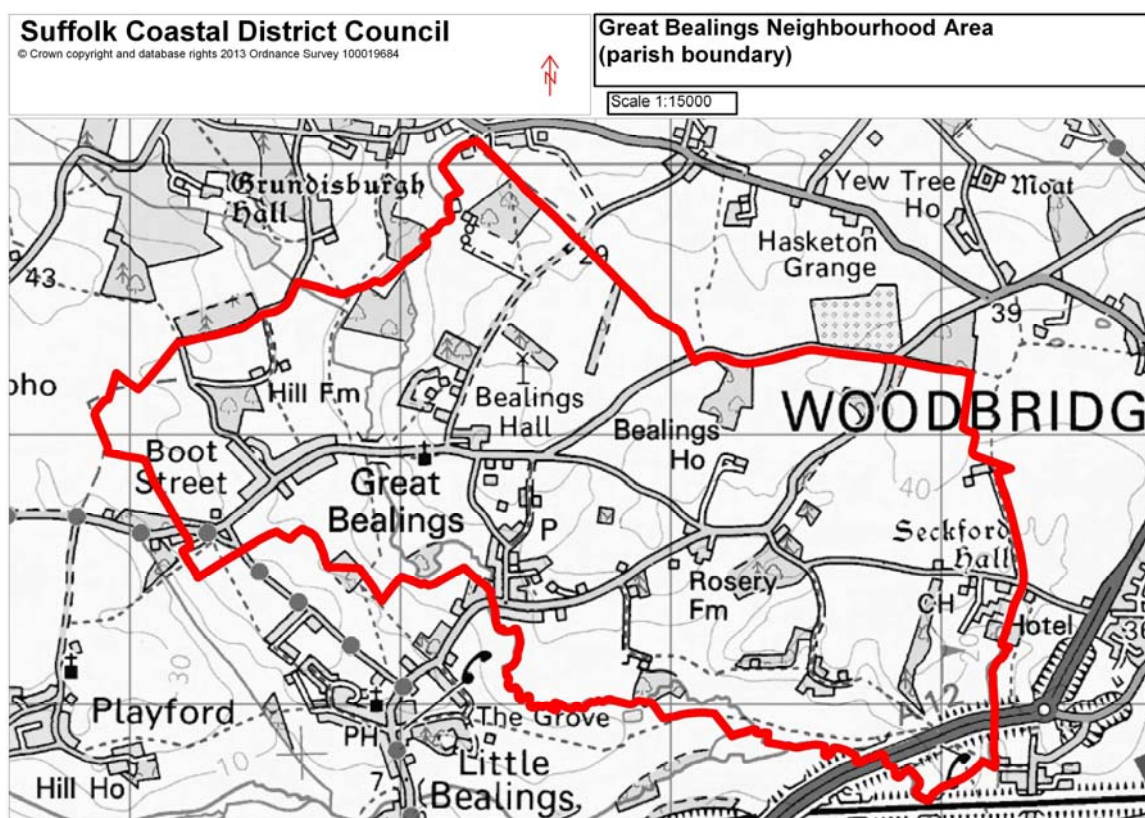
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Neighbourhood Area Determination and Decision

Name of neighbourhood area	GREAT BEALINGS
Parish /Town Council	Great Bealings Parish Council



The procedures governing the production of Neighbourhood Plans are set out in the [Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012](#). 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 (Part 2, paragraph 6) to determine the application following consideration of representations received and to publicise its decision.

In determining an application the LPA must have regard to

“the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish council as a neighbourhood area; and

The desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas”

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 Great Bealings 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 Great Bealings parish as the area proposed to be designated and the reasons for that.

2. Has the application been properly advertised?

A copy of the application was placed on the Council’s website. Information provided included a copy of the application, details of how to make representations and the date by which representations should be received. The website included a direct link to Great Bealings website.

To bring the application to the wider attention of the people who live, work or carry on business in the area to which the application relates, a number of site notices were placed around the parish including on parish notice boards; information was also included in the parish magazine. This wider notification was undertaken jointly by the District and the parish council.

Individual letters of notification were also sent to the local district and county council members; to neighbouring parish /town councils including Suffolk County Council and to statutory consultees.

Comments were invited over an eight week period (26th April 2013 – 21 June 2013). Eight weeks was chosen rather than the six week requirement in recognition of the fact that some parish councils only meet every two months.

3. What comments have been received?

A total of three [comments](#) were received and are available for viewing on the Council’s website.

Natural England comments are in the form of an informative note providing advice in relation to international and European, national and locally designated sites within and within the vicinity of the parish boundary.

Martlesham Parish Council support the boundary as submitted for the area designation. They also note that the two parishes share Flood Cell 12 and request involvement on any discussion on this issue.

The local ward member also supports the boundary as submitted.

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

As noted above, the matters that the Council is required to take into consideration at this time are:-

“the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish council as a neighbourhood area; and

The desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas”

There are no other existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas.

As a small rural parish where very limited development is envisaged through the plan period, there are no obvious reasons at this stage why the neighbourhood area should not incorporate the whole parish as requested.

Conclusion:

There are no valid planning reasons why Suffolk Coastal District Council should not designate the proposed neighbourhood area for Great Bealings as submitted.

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

The application for the designation of Great Bealings Neighbourhood Area is

APPROVED.



Philip Ridley
Head of Planning and Coastal Management

Date: 29/10/2013