

Neighbourhood Area Determination and Decision

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

Name of neighbourhood area	Lowestoft Neighbourhood Area
Parish /Town Council	Lowestoft Town Council



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Background:

The procedures governing the production of neighbourhood plans are set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (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.

This neighbourhood area application relates to a single parish area. The application was received by the Council on the 7th December 2018 and validated on 10th December 2018.

Consideration

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

Yes. Lowestoft Town Council submitted the area designation application.

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

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 Lowestoft Town Council is the ‘relevant body’ to make the application.

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

Yes. The Neighbourhood Area comprises the whole parish of Lowestoft. There are no other existing boundaries of areas already designated as Neighbourhood Areas.

Has the application been properly publicised?

The application applies to a whole parish area only therefore there is no requirement to publicise.

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

No. As set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) (as amended), the Local Planning Authority is required to designate the area where:

- the application is from a parish council;
- the area specified is whole of the parish council’s area; and

- if any part of the specified area is part of a neighbourhood area, none of that neighbourhood area extends outside the parish council's area.

No part of the specified area has been designated a neighbourhood plan area. No part of the specified area is specified in another area application.

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

Conclusion:

There are no valid planning reasons why Waveney District Council should not designate the proposed neighbourhood area for Lowestoft as submitted.

Recommendation:

That following consideration by the Head of Planning and Coastal Management in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Coastal Management designation of the parish of Lowestoft as a Neighbourhood Area is **Approved**.

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The application for the designation of the Parish of Lowestoft as a Neighbourhood Area is **APPROVED**.

Signed:

Dated: 10th December 2018



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