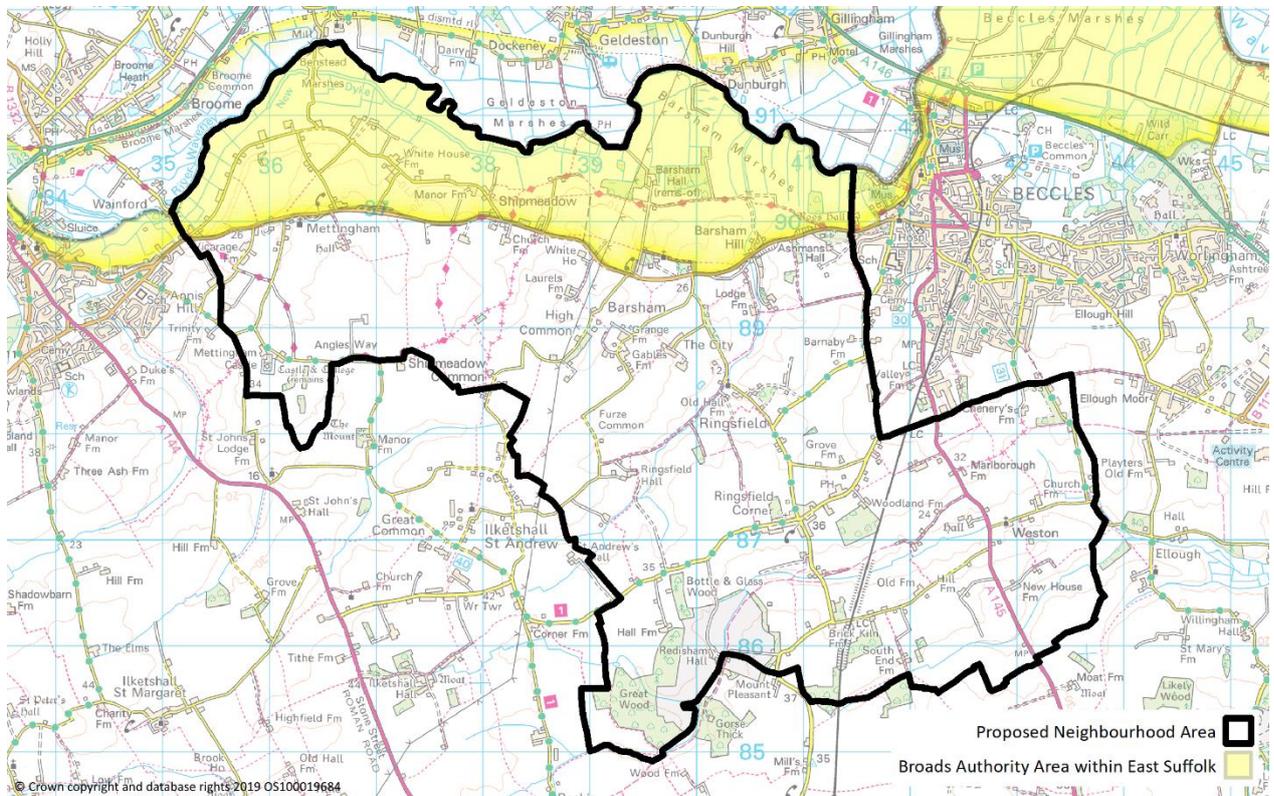




# Neighbourhood Area Determination and Decision

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

Name of neighbourhood area	<b>The Parishes of Mettingham, Barsham with Shipmeadow, Ringsfield and Weston</b>
Parish /Town Councils	Mettingham Parish Council Barsham and Shipmeadow Parish Council Ringsfield and Weston Parish Council



## 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.

The Regulations require the Local Planning Authority to determine neighbourhood area applications in accordance with the following timescales:

Multiple parish application crossing local planning authority boundaries.	Within 20 weeks including a minimum 6 weeks consultation period.
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This neighbourhood area application relates to a joint parish area which also falls within the Broads Authority. The application was received by the Council on 27 November 2019

## Consideration

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

Yes. Mettingham Parish Council with Barsham and Shipmeadow Parish Council and Ringsfield and Weston Parish 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 Mettingham Parish Council with Barsham and Shipmeadow Parish Council and Ringsfield and Weston Parish Council are the ‘relevant bodies’ to make the application.

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

Yes. The Neighbourhood Area comprises the whole parishes of Mettingham Parish Council with Barsham and Shipmeadow Parish Council and Ringsfield and Weston Parish Council. There are no other existing boundaries of areas already designated as Neighbourhood Areas.

### **Has the application been properly publicised?**

Yes. East Suffolk District Council undertook a seven week consultation between 6 December 2019 and 24 January 2020 The consultation was publicised on East Suffolk District Council’s

website in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Mettingham Parish Council with Barsham and Shipmeadow Parish Council and Ringsfield and Weston Parish Council were provided with consultation posters to display in appropriate places in the parishes.

**Were any comments received during the consultation period?**

Yes. A total of 2 responses were received during the consultation period.

**Summary of comments received:**

Historic England – Provided advice and guidance in developing a Neighbourhood Plan

Natural England – Provided advice and guidance in developing a Neighbourhood Plan

(All responses to the consultation can be viewed in full at

<https://eastsuffolk.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/jointneighbourhoodarea2019/questionnaireResults?qid=6100611>)

**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 councils' as a Neighbourhood Area; and
- The desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as Neighbourhood Areas'

There are no reasons not to designate the whole of the area of the submitted parishes and there are no other existing boundaries of areas already designated as Neighbourhood Areas. No part of the specified area is specified in another area application.

The neighbourhood area is partly within the Broads Authority. The Broads Authority considered the application at their Planning Committee on 7 February 2020 and has approved the application.

**Conclusion:**

For the reasons set out above there are no valid reasons why East Suffolk District Council should not designate the Neighbourhood Area for Mettingham Parish Council with Barsham and Shipmeadow Parish Council and Ringsfield and Weston Parish Council as submitted.

**Recommendation:**

That following consideration by the Head of Planning and Coastal Management and the Broads Authority planning committee, designation of the Mettingham Parish Council with Barsham and Shipmeadow Parish Council and Ringsfield and Weston Parish Council as a Neighbourhood Area is **Approved**.

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

The application for the designation of the Parishes of Mettingham, Barsham with Shipmeadow, Ringsfield and Weston neighbourhood plan area is **APPROVED**.

Signed:

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