

# Neighbourhood Area Determination and Decision

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

Name of neighbourhood area	<b>Oulton Neighbourhood Area</b>
Parish /Town Councils	Oulton 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.

This neighbourhood area application relates to Oulton parish area which also falls within the Broads Authority. The application was received by the Council on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The application represents a revision to the Oulton Neighbourhood Area which was previously designated on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

## Consideration

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

Yes. Oulton 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 Oulton Parish 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 Oulton following the parish boundaries. The Neighbourhood Area will replace the currently designated Oulton Neighbourhood Area which overlapped with Lowestoft Parish.

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

Yes. Waveney District Council undertook a six week consultation between 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. The consultation was publicised on Waveney District Council's website in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Oulton Parish Council were provided with consultation posters to display in appropriate places in the parishes. An electronic copy of the consultation poster was provided to display on the parishes websites and parish magazines.

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

Yes. A total of 3 responses were received during the consultation period.

#### **Summary of comments received:**

- Historic England had no objection to the Neighbourhood Area. They recommended that where the boundary of Oulton and Lowestoft's neighbourhood areas runs together, a consistent approach to the management of these areas is considered. They also provided background advice on heritage matters and Neighbourhood Planning.
- Natural England had no objection. Background advice for neighbourhood planning provided.
- Lowestoft Town Council thanked Oulton Parish Council for resubmission of the Neighbourhood Area and wished them success with their Neighbourhood Plan.

## 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 parish.

The neighbourhood area is partly within the Broads Authority which will considered and endorsed the application on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

### Conclusion:

For the reasons set out above there are no valid reasons why Waveney District Council should not designate the revised Neighbourhood Area for Oulton 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, and the Broads Authority designation of the revised Oulton Neighbourhood Area is **Approved**.

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The application for the designation of the revised Oulton Neighbourhood Plan Area is **APPROVED**.

Signed:

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