

Neighbourhood Area Application Decision Notice

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Neighbourhood Area Approved

Name of Neighbourhood Area: Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough Joint Parish

Qualifying Body: Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough joint parish

Application Date: 8th May 2017

Decision under Regulation 7 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended):

The application for the designation of the Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough joint parish as a Neighbourhood Area, for the purposes of neighbourhood planning is **approved**.

Date of Decision: 11th October 2017.

Signed:



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Consideration

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

Yes. Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough joint parish submitted the area designation application.

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

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 Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough joint parish is the relevant body to make the application.

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

Yes. The Neighbourhood Area applied for has previously been part of a wider Beccles Neighbourhood Area (approved 3rd August 2015), but this area is disbanding and some of the Parishes are choosing to form new Neighbourhood Areas. The Neighbourhood Area applied for covers the whole of the parishes of Ellough, Sotterley and Willingham, and the majority of the parish of Shadingfield. Neighbouring Parish Councils have been consulted and the application has been publicised and no objections have been made. Therefore the Neighbourhood Area is considered appropriate.

Has the application been properly publicised?

Yes. Waveney District Council undertook a six week consultation between 16th June and 28th July 2017. The consultation was publicised on Waveney District Council's website in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The Parish Councils were provided with a site notice to copy and display in appropriate locations in the parishes.

Were any comments received during the consultation period?

Yes.

Summary of comments received:

There were six responses to the consultation.

Historic England made no objection and provided some background advice on heritage matters and neighbourhood planning.

Natural England provided background advice for neighbourhood planning but made no comment on the suitability of the neighbourhood area.

Redisham Parish Meeting made no objection and commented that they would not be producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Gladman Developments Ltd stated they wished to participate in the Neighbourhood Plan's preparation and provided comments on legislation; high court judgements; national and local planning policy; and Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal.

All responses to the consultation can be viewed at: -

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-plans-in-the-area/shadingfield-sotterley-willingham-and-ellough-neighbourhood-area/>

Two members of the public supported designation of the Neighbourhood Area.

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 council as a Neighbourhood Area; and

The desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as Neighbourhood Areas’.

The Neighbourhood Area applied for has previously been approved as part of the Beccles Neighbourhood Area (approved 3rd August 2015) and this application would result in the modification of the previously approved Beccles Neighbourhood Area. The previously approved Beccles Neighbourhood Area is disbanding and some of the Parishes including Beccles and Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough joint parish are forming new neighbourhood areas. Neighbouring Parish Councils have been consulted and there have been no objections. As such no reasons have been found to modify the area.

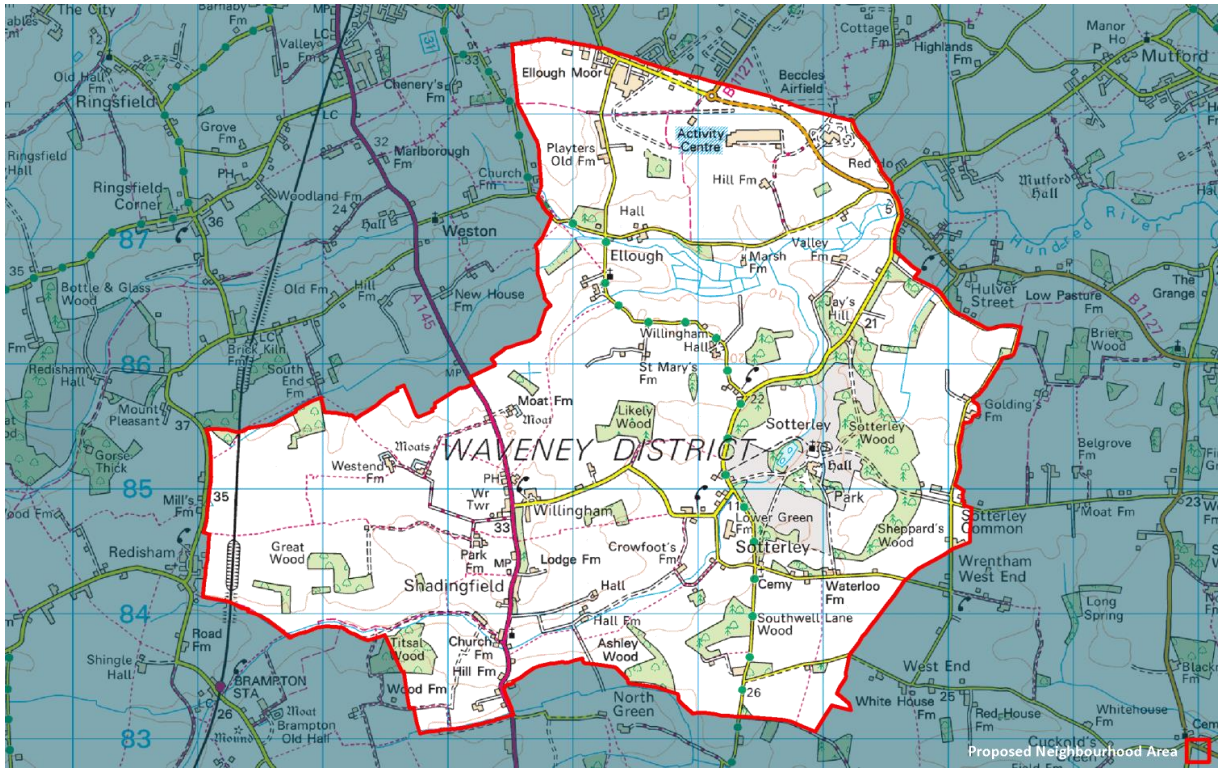
For the reasons set out above there are no valid reasons why Waveney District Council should not designate the Neighbourhood Area for Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough joint parish as submitted.

Recommendation:

That following consideration of the application by the Local Plan Working Group at its meeting held on 11th October 2017, consideration of their recommendations by the Head of Planning and Coastal Management in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Coastal Management,

designation of the Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough joint parish as a Neighbourhood Area is **Approved**.

Map of the Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough joint parish Neighbourhood Area



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