

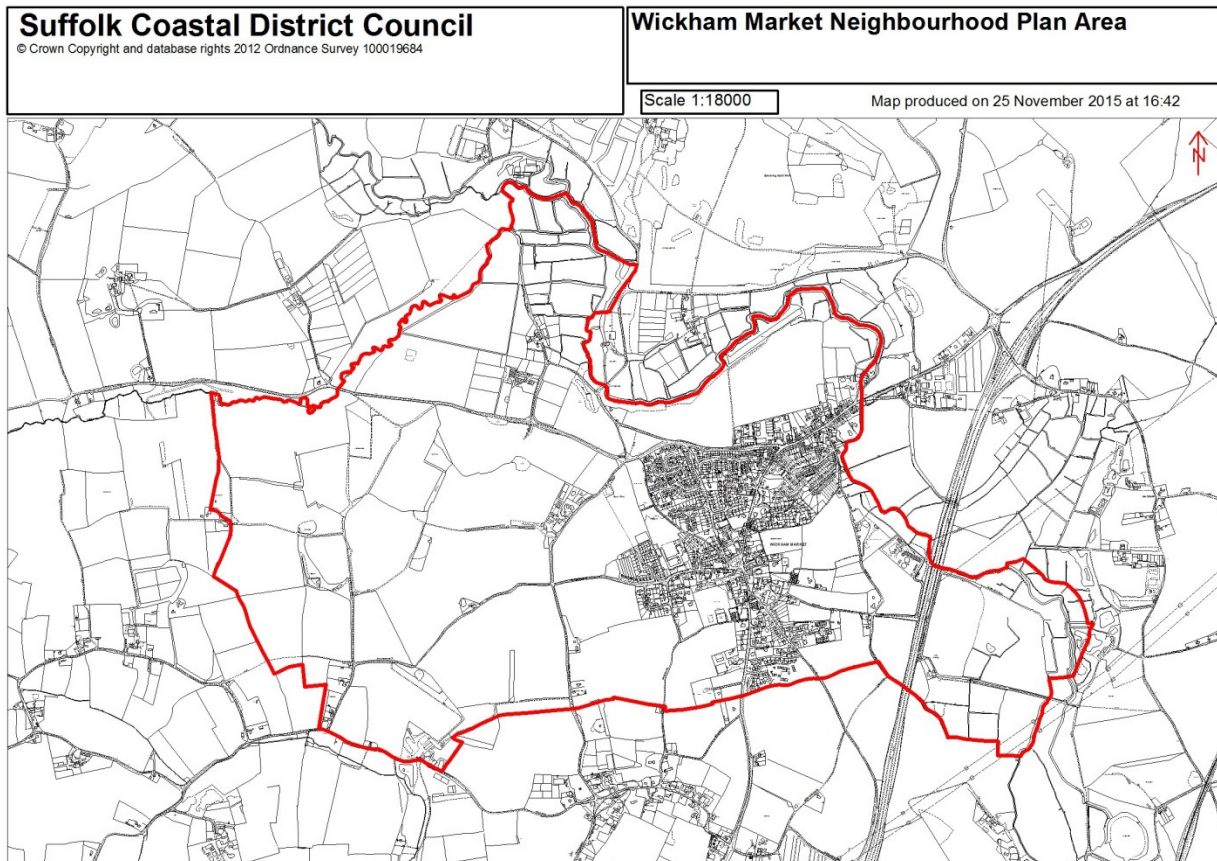
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Neighbourhood Area Determination and Decision

Name of neighbourhood area	Wickham Market
Parish /Town Council	Wickham Market Parish Council



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. (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 Wickham Market 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 Wickham Market 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.

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, consultation posters were placed on the parish notice boards, the consultation was publicised on the village website and information was included in the parish newsletter. This wider notification was undertaken by 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 during the period Monday 30th November to Thursday 31st December 2015.

3. What comments have been received?

A total of six comments were received and are available for viewing on the Council’s website.

The comments were from:

- Clarke & Simpson,
- Gladman Developments,
- Historic England,
- Mr R Hayward,
- Natural England,
- Suffolk County Council.

There were no objections to the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan area received.

Within their responses Natural England and Historic England both provide some initial advice on the natural and historic environment respectively.

Suffolk County Council raise no objection to the neighbourhood area as proposed, but confirm that they would welcome the opportunity to discuss the plan as it progresses should it impact on any matters for which they have specific responsibility such as highways and transport, education, surface water management, social care, archaeology, fire and rescue, libraries and waste infrastructure.

Clarke & Simpson and Mr R Hayward have raised no objections to the neighbourhood area as proposed and act on behalf of local landowners who wish to be involved in the preparation of the plan.

Gladman Developments raised no specific comments to make on the neighbourhood area, but highlight a number of key requirements to which the emerging plan should have regard. Gladman wish to participate in the preparation of the plan and to be notified of further developments and consultations in this regard.

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.

Wickham Market is identified in the Suffolk Coastal District Local Plan Core Strategy and Development Management Policies (2013) as a Key Service Centre. As such it will be expected to accommodate some development over the plan period (2010 – 2027). Whilst development is likely to be concentrated around the main settlement of Wickham Market, 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 Wickham Market parish as submitted.

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

The application for the designation of Wickham Market parish is

APPROVED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Fryatt', is written in a cursive style.

Cllr Tony Fryatt
Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Planning

Date: 12th January 2016