

# Neighbourhood Area Application Decision Notice

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

## Neighbourhood Area Approved

**Name of Neighbourhood Area:** Oulton Parish

**Qualifying Body:** Oulton Parish Council

**Application Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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

The application for the designation of the Parish of Oulton as a Neighbourhood Area, for the purposes of neighbourhood planning is **Approved**.

Date of Decision: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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## 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, for most part following the parish boundary but also including properties in streets that are dissected by the parish boundary. There are no other existing boundaries of areas already designated as Neighbourhood Areas.

Has the application been properly publicised?

Yes. Waveney District Council undertook a six week consultation between 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The consultation was publicised on Waveney District Councils website in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Oulton Parish Council was provided with site notices to display in appropriate locations in the parish. Oulton Parish Council also carried out a targeted letter drop to ensure that the residents not within the Oulton Parish boundary but included in the Oulton Neighbourhood Plan area had the opportunity to opt out of inclusion in the Neighbourhood Area Designation.

Were any comments received during the consultation period?

Yes.

Summary of comments received:

There were 7 responses to the consultation. 2 respondents were against the area designation as submitted and 5 supported the area designation.

The reasons given for objecting to the boundary are that the infrastructure is not good enough and the road system is not capable of coping with more development. One respondent who objected to the proposed designation thought that planners need to be more flexible and allow more housing. Neither of these comments relate directly to the designation of the area for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. These respondents will have the opportunity to comment on the content of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan as it is developed.

Of those who supported the area designation application, only two made additional comments. One person stated that they always wondered where the parish boundary was; the other person was not sure what the benefits of having a Neighbourhood Plan were but had no objections.

(All responses to the consultation can be viewed at: - [www.waveney.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.waveney.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning))

### 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 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 reasons not to designate the whole of the area of the parish council and there are no other existing boundaries of areas already designated as Neighbourhood Areas.

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

### Recommendation:

That following consideration of the application by the Local Plan Working Group at its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and the Broads Authority at their Development Control Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015, consideration of their recommendations by the Head of Planning and Coastal Management in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Rural Affairs designation of the Parish of Oulton (including those properties only partially within Oulton Parish) as a Neighbourhood Area is **Approved**.

