



Designation of Neighbourhood Area for Sedgeford

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Section 61G Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Regulations 5 & 6

Sedgeford Parish Council applied to the Borough Council on 17/05/16 for the whole of the parish to be designated a neighbourhood area. This would allow the Parish Council to prepare a neighbourhood plan for the area. As required by the regulations, the application was published and advertised. A period of 6 weeks was provided for comments on the application.

The application was advertised:

- On the Borough Council's website
- Posters were produced and made accessible at the borough councils offices in King's Lynn and Hunstanton. The posters were also displayed on Sedgeford Parish Council noticeboard and provided to the Parish Council to display in other locations in and around the village.
- Direct notifications were sent to a list of statutory consultees whom had previously expressed an interest, or commented on the Local Plan and to organisations with an interest in the local area.
- Direct notifications were sent to neighbouring district and parish councils
- Direct notifications were sent to ward members for the parish.

The consultation was open from 30 May 2016 until 11 July 2016. A total of five representations were received. Five representations were received from organisations with an interest in the Local Plan and neighbourhood plans. Norfolk County Council and Anglian Water did not object to the application. Natural England provided general supporting guidance. Thornham Parish Council had no objection to the proposed area and expressed support. The Norfolk Coast Partnership supports the Parish Council in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan and highlighted that part of the parish is within the AONB.

In summary, there were no objections to the proposed neighbourhood area. Most consultees had no specific comment, either noting support or no objections, providing general advice or stating that they would like the opportunity to comment on the neighbourhood plan, if produced.

In determining the application, the Borough Council has considered the desirability of designating the whole of the parish as a neighbourhood area, and the desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as neighbourhood areas. There is an existing neighbourhood area in the adjacent parish of Snettisham, which abuts Sedgeford. The boundaries of the proposed areas do not overlap; therefore there is no conflict with neighbouring parishes. There are no other existing neighbourhood areas in the vicinity. No reasons were identified why a different area should be designated than that applied for. Therefore the Borough Council decided the whole of the Parish of Sedgeford should be designated a Neighbourhood Area with effect from today.

Executive Director

20/7/16

Date