

**Bungay Neighbourhood Plan**  
**Designating Bungay as a Neighbourhood Area**  
Report by Planning Policy Officer

**Summary:** This report provides Members with an update on the progress of the Bungay Neighbourhood Plan. Consultation has recently been undertaken in respect of the designation of the Neighbourhood Area. The comments received will be reported to Members verbally at the meeting, together with an Officer suggested response.

**Recommendation:** That the Planning Committee notes the comments received, and agrees the Officer suggested responses, with modifications as appropriate.

## **1 Neighbourhood Planning**

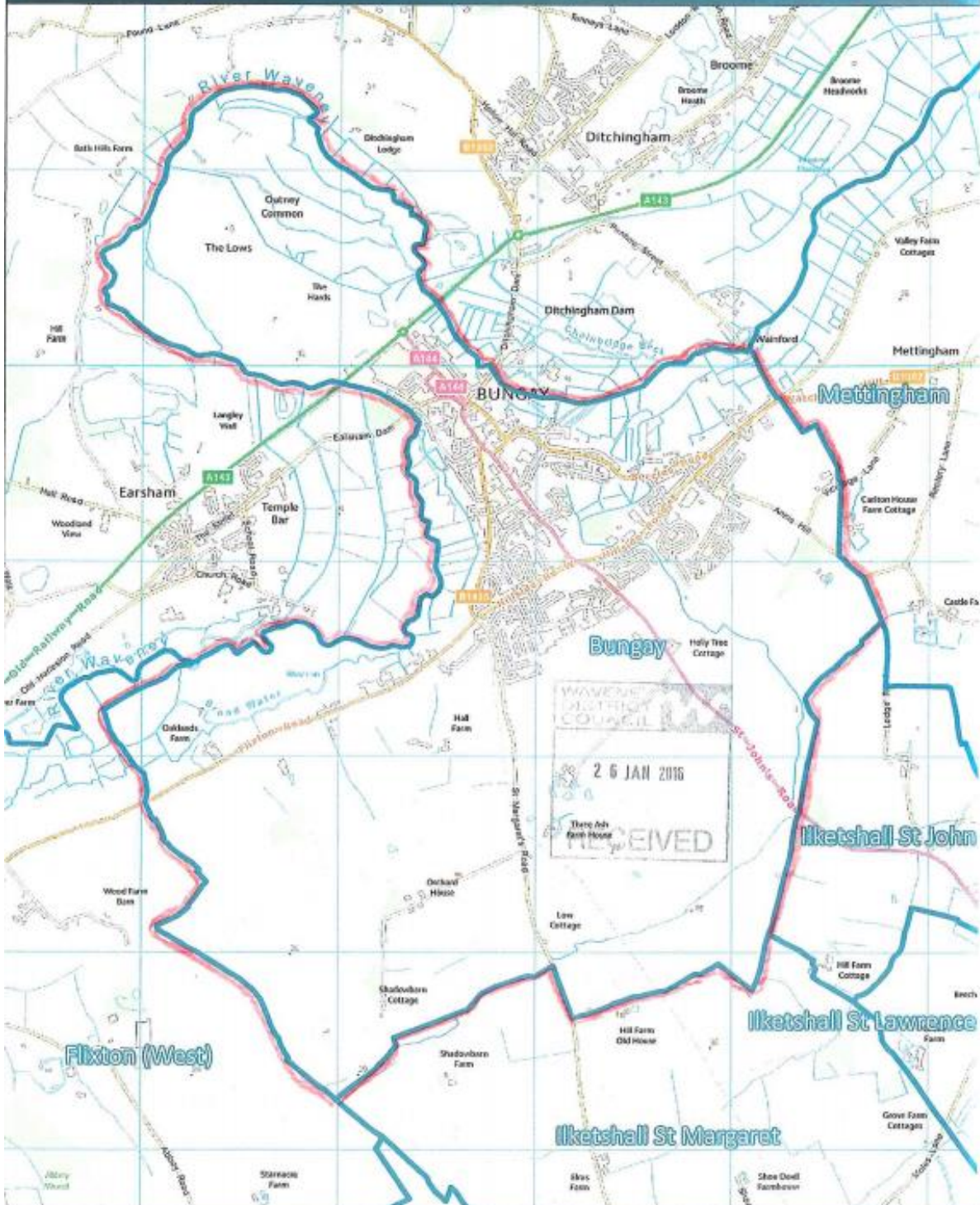
- 1.1 Neighbourhood planning was introduced through the Localism Act 2011. Neighbourhood Planning legislation came into effect in April 2012 and gave communities the power to agree a Neighbourhood Development Plan, make a Neighbourhood Development Order and make a Community Right to Build Order.
- 1.2 A Neighbourhood Development Plan can establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in a neighbourhood, for example:
  - where new homes and offices should be built
  - what they should look like
- 1.3 Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, parish or town councils within the Broads Authority's Executive area undertaking Neighbourhood Plans are required to apply to the Broads Authority and the relevant District Council to designate the Neighbourhood Area that their proposed plan will cover.
- 1.4 Once these nominations are received, there follows a six week period within which any member of the public may submit written comments to the Broads Authority and the relevant District Council regarding the proposed Neighbourhood Area, who will then consider the area, and the comments received, before approving or rejecting its designation. The designation of a Neighbourhood Area is therefore the first step in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

1.5 Consultation on becoming a Neighbourhood Area runs from 5 February to 18 March. The deadline for this report was 14 March. As such, in order to not delay the Bungay Neighbourhood Plan, the comments will be reported to Planning Committee verbally with the appropriate recommendation.

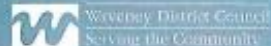
## **2 Bungay Neighbourhood Area**

2.1 Bungay Town Council has submitted the application for their entire Parish. The blue line shows the Neighbourhood Area.

Town Profile:  
**Bungay**



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### **3 Links of relevance:**

- 3.1 The Broads Authority Neighbourhood Planning webpage:  
<http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/neighbourhood-planning>
- 3.2 Waveney District Council Neighbourhood Planning webpage:  
<http://consult.waveney.gov.uk/consult.ti/becclesneighbourhoodarea2015/consultationHome>
- 3.3 Some guidance/information on Neighbourhood Planning:  
<http://www.rtpi.org.uk/planning-aid/neighbourhood-planning/>

### **4 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Occasional Officer time in supporting the process (as required by regulations).
- 4.2 There will be no cost to the Broads Authority for the referendum at the end of the process as Waveney District Council have agreed to take on this task and cost.

### **5 Conclusion and Recommendation**

- 5.1 Comments received will be reported verbally along with the recommendation.

Background papers:           None

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Appendices:                   None