

Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan
Designating Worlingham as a Neighbourhood Area
Report by Planning Policy Officer

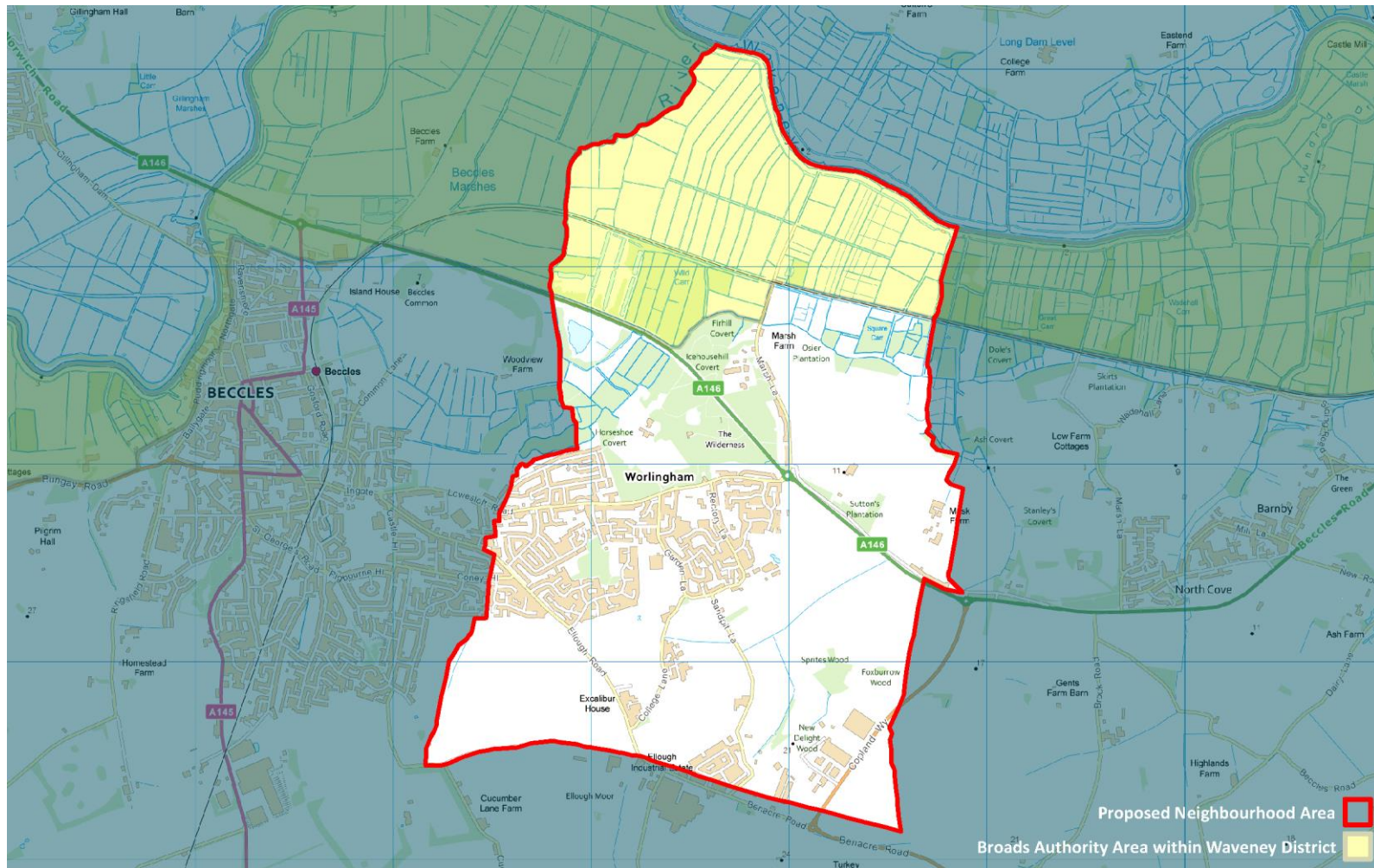
Summary:	The report briefly introduces the Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan with the comments received during the six week consultation period on Worlingham becoming a Neighbourhood Area in order to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.
Recommendation:	That the Planning Committee notes the comments received and agrees to Worlingham becoming a Neighbourhood Area in order to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

1 Neighbourhood Planning

- 1.1 Neighbourhood planning was introduced through the Localism Act 2011. Neighbourhood Planning legislation came into effect in April 2012 and gives 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.

2 Worlingham Neighbourhood Area

- 2.1 Worlingham Parish Council has submitted the application for their entire Parish. The red line shows the area and the yellow shading shows the Broads Authority Executive Area. Source: Waveney District council.



3 Comments received

Comment from:	Summary of comment:	BA response:
Anonymous	Supports. I think it is right this Worlingham has a plan separate from Beccles	Support noted
Graham Jenkins	Supports.	Support noted
Natural England	Generic response with sources of information and advice.	Noted.
Suffolk County Council	Generic response with sources of information and advice.	Noted.

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

- 5.1 There are no objections to Worlingham becoming a Neighbourhood Area. As such it is recommended that the Planning Committee notes the comments received and agrees to Worlingham becoming a Neighbourhood Area in order to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

Background papers: The Broads Authority Neighbourhood Planning webpage:
<http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/future-planning-and-policies/neighbourhood-planning.html>

Waveney District Council Neighbourhood Planning webpage:
<http://consult.waveney.gov.uk/consult.ti/becclesneighbourhoodarea2015/consultationHome>

Some guidance/information on Neighbourhood Planning:
<http://www.rtpi.org.uk/planning-aid/neighbourhood-planning/>

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Appendices: None