

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

<b>Summary:</b>	The report briefly introduces the Reedham Neighbourhood Plan.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That the Planning Committee agrees to Reedham 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 was a requirement to consult on the proposal for 6 weeks. However an update to the National Planning Policy Guidance has removed the need to consult for 6 weeks. As such, it is for the Local Planning Authority to agree an area become a Neighbourhood Area in order to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.5. **Reedham**

Reedham Parish Council in Broadland District has submitted the application for their entire Parish. Source: Broadland District Council.



## **2. About Reedham Neighbourhood Area application.**

- The nomination was received on 4 April 2019
- There are no known or obvious reasons to not agree the Neighbourhood Area.

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

- 3.1. The Broads Authority Neighbourhood Planning webpage:  
<http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/future-planning-and-policies/neighbourhood-planning.html>
- 3.2. Broadland District Council's Neighbourhood Planning webpage:  
<https://www.broadland.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans>
- 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 Broadland District Council have agreed to take on this task and cost.

## **5. Conclusion and recommendation**

- 5.1. It is recommended that the Planning Committee agrees to Reedham becoming a Neighbourhood Area in order to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

Background papers: None  
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