

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

**Summary:** The report briefly summarises the comments received during the six week consultation period on Brundall becoming a Neighbourhood Area in order to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

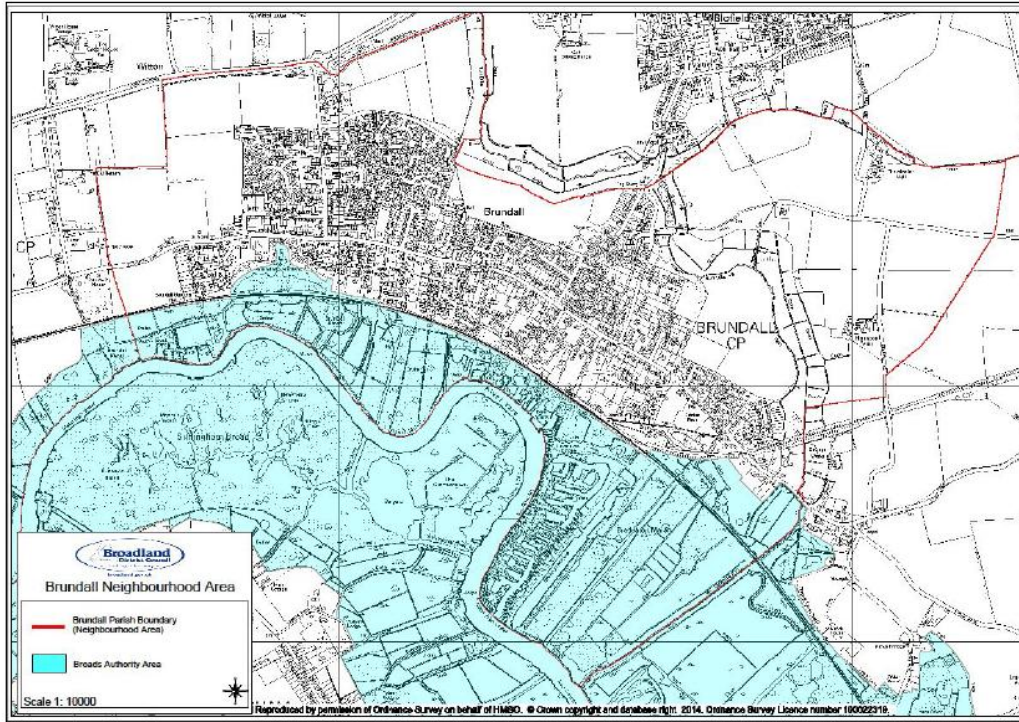
**Recommendation:** That the Planning Committee notes the comments received and agree to designate Brundall as a Neighbourhood Area.

## **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 Brundall Neighbourhood Area**

- 2.1 The following map shows the proposed Brundall Neighbourhood Area. It covers the entire parish of Brundall (thin red line). The Broads Authority Executive Area is in blue.



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### 3 The Consultation and Responses Received

- 3.1 The consultation on the designation of Brundall as a Neighbourhood Area ran for six weeks and ended on 24 February 2014.
- 3.2 Comments were received from the following organisations. The table also shows a discussion on these comments and an assessment of the impact on designating Brundall as a Neighbourhood Area.

Organisation / Individual	Response	BDC and BA officer response
Norfolk County Council	I can confirm that the County Council does not have any objection to the application.	Noted.
Natural England	<p>'The following is offered as advice to assist the Parish Council in preparing their Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Natural England, together with the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Forestry Commission has published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into development proposals. This is available at: <a href="http://publications.environment-">http://publications.environment-</a></p>	Noted.

	<p><a href="http://agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0212BWAZ-E-E.pdf">agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0212BWAZ-E-E.pdf</a></p> <p>Local environmental record centres hold a range of information on the natural environment. A list of local records centre is available at: <a href="http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php">http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php</a></p> <p>You should consider whether the plan is likely to have any impacts on protected species. To help you do this Natural England has produced standing advice to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected or Biodiversity Action Plan species should they be identified as an issue. The standing advice also sets out when, following receipt of survey information, you should undertake further consultation with Natural England: Natural England Standing Advice.</p> <p>Proposals may provide opportunities to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment; use natural resources more sustainably; and bring benefits for the local community, for example through green space provision and access to and contact with nature.</p> <p>Opportunities to incorporate features into new build or retro fitted buildings which are beneficial to wildlife, such as the incorporation of roosting opportunities for bats or the installation of bird nest boxes should also be considered as part of any new development proposal.'</p>	
English Heritage	No objection to this designation. There are a number of designated heritage assets within the area and there is a duty to consult English Heritage where our interests are considered to be affected. We can provide specific advice concerning the inclusion of the historic environment in their plan.	Noted.

- 3.3 In summary, whilst there are further actions required as the Neighbourhood Plan progresses, the comments received do not act as 'show stoppers' in designating Brundall as a Neighbourhood Area.
- 3.4 Of importance, Broadland District Council will also need to designate the part of Brundall Parish for which they are the Local Planning Authority. Early

indications from colleagues at Broadland Council are that it will be recommended for approval and the equivalent report is going to Broadland District Council's Cabinet on 8 April and then subsequently ratified by Full Council soon after.

#### **4 Links of Relevance:**

- 4.1 The Broads Authority Neighbourhood Planning webpage:  
<http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/future-planning-and-policies/neighbourhood-planning.html>
- 4.2 Some guidance/information on Neighbourhood Planning:  
<http://www.rtpi.org.uk/planning-aid/neighbourhood-planning/>

#### **5 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 Occasional Officer time in supporting the process (as required by regulations).
- 5.2 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.

#### **6 Conclusion and Recommendation**

- 6.1 The comments received do not act as 'show stoppers'. It is therefore recommended that the Brundall Neighbourhood Area is designated.

Background papers: None

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Appendices: None