



Public Notice

Statutory Consultation. The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, 2012

Babergh District Council has received an application from **Hartest Parish Council** to designate an area that they think is appropriate to be covered by a future neighborhood plan. Neighbourhood planning allows communities to develop planning policies that will become part of the planning framework for this area.

Why are we consulting?

The 'qualifying body', in this case the Parish Council, has to apply to Babergh District Council to designate a neighbourhood area, state its reasons and submit a map of the proposed area. Following receipt of the application, we must consult for at least six weeks before making a decision. Following this consultation period we will consider the comments received in determining the application to ensure that the area is appropriate. The decision will be published on the Council's website.

How to respond

We are encouraging people to view and respond to the application to designate the area online. More details can be found on <http://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning-and-building/community-led-planning/neighbourhood-development-plans/neighbourhood-planning-in-hartest/>

The application details including the map of the area and a supporting statement have been published on the above web page and **the statutory period of consultation will finish at 4:00pm on 3rd June 2014**. The area proposed by Hartest Parish Council for neighbourhood planning purposes follows the Hartest parish boundary.

Please provide any comments you may have during this period. In particular your comments should focus on whether the area is appropriate to be used for the Hartest Neighbourhood Plan.

Comments can be submitted either by e-mail (to NHP@babergh.gov.uk) or by post, addressed to:

Peter Freer, Enabling Officer - Community Led Planning & Design, Mid Suffolk District Council, 131 High Street, Needham Market, Ipswich, Suffolk. IP6 8DL

Your comments will be kept on a public file and they may be reproduced publicly in writing or on our website.

Please note that we are publishing the neighbourhood plan Area proposed by Hartest Parish Council. This is not the time to submit detailed or specific comments in relation to planning in Hartest. The Parish Council will be consulting on their Neighbourhood Plan process once the Neighbourhood Plan area has been designated.