



Public Notice

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

Mid Suffolk District Council has received an application from **Debenham Parish Council** to designate an area that they think is appropriate to be covered by a future Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood planning allows communities to develop their own planning policies which will guide new development and help meet the needs of the community. Once complete (it may take 18-24 months to produce) the neighbourhood plan will be used by Mid Suffolk District Council when deciding planning applications in this area.

Why are we consulting?

The area proposed by Debenham Parish Council for neighbourhood planning purposes follows the Debenham parish boundary. Mid Suffolk District Council must consult for at least six weeks before making a decision to designate this area. Following this consultation period Mid Suffolk District Council will consider the comments received in determining the application. The designation decision will be published on the website below.

How to respond

The application and supporting documents are available online at www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/DebenhamNP. Alternatively paper copies are available for public inspection at Debenham Leisure Centre, and Mid Suffolk District Council offices in Needham market.

The statutory period of consultation will finish at 4:00pm on 3rd September 2014.

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 Debenham's Neighbourhood Plan. For instance if there is a group of houses or a business that is bisected by the boundary you may feel that this should be included within the area.

Comments can be submitted either by e-mail to nhp@midsuffolk.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 consulting on the neighbourhood plan Area proposed by Debenham Parish Council. This is not the time to submit detailed or specific comments in relation to planning in Debenham. Please contact Debenham Parish Council about their Neighbourhood Plan process or check the parish council website for information.