

Supplementary Item for East Cambridgeshire Full Council Meeting of 8 January 2015

The following Item comprises Appendix 1 to agenda item 10 of the meeting.

Appendix 1: Summary of Comments Received to Sutton Parish Council’s Neighbourhood Area application

Respondent and their representation	ECDC Officer Comments (if necessary)
Middle Level Commissioners have advised that any neighbourhood plan area should have regard to land drainage legislation and relevant Internal Drainage Board byelaws.	Noted, but not relevant to the matter of Area Designation
Natural England (NE) has highlighted that the proposed Sutton Neighbourhood Area incorporates the nationally and internationally designated Ouse Washes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site. The Neighbourhood Plan will therefore be required to demonstrate that policies will not have an adverse effect on the notified interest features of this statutorily designated site.	Noted, but not relevant to the matter of Area Designation. The response will be forwarded to Sutton Parish Council.
Cambridgeshire County Council has no specific comments	Noted
Norfolk County Council does not have any objection to this designation	Noted
Sport England has stated that is important therefore that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects national policy for sport as set out in the above document with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74 to ensure proposals comply with National Planning Policy. It is also important to be aware of Sport England’s role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing fields (see link below), as set out in our national guide	Noted, but not relevant to the matter of Area Designation
English Heritage has no objection to the designation of Sutton parish as a Neighbourhood Area and the proposed boundaries. A preliminary desktop study of the area covered by the proposed Neighbourhood Plan has shown the parish includes a number of designated heritage assets including the Sutton Conservation Area, which includes 11 listed buildings. Primary and secondary sources of information are mentioned to assist with preparation of a neighbourhood plan.	Noted; the response will be forwarded to Sutton Parish Council at English Heritage’s request after the designation is made.
Anglian Water has no comments on the area of designation and	Noted

has offered standing advice in respect of flood and water management.	
The Marine Management Organisation has no comments.	Noted
The Highways Agency has no comments to make as this (application) does not affect the trunk road or the management and maintenance there of.	Noted
The Coal Authority has no specific comments	Noted
The Environment Agency have no objections in principle to a plan. However, the Agency observes that the proposed plan area contains part of the Ouse Washes. The designations to note are the Functional Floodplain, and extensive floodplain alongside it behind raised defences. Parts of the NP area are also a SPA/RAMSAR/SSSI site. The Agency suggest that future work on the plan makes it very clear that there is no proposed development in vicinity of the SPA and is kept out of the Flood Zones 2 and 3. This will means that the plan is less likely to require SEA, Appropriate Assessment and the various evidence that would need to inform these processes. The Agency would welcome early consultation in the concept and objective making stages to see if there are any related issues that may be showstoppers or opportunities for further development	Noted, but not relevant to the matter of Area Designation. The full response will be forwarded to Sutton Parish Council after the designation is made.
Four members of the public submitted comments in support of the application	Noted
One Planning Consultant wrote in support on behalf of clients with interests in the parish.	Noted
Two members of the public asked general questions about neighbourhood planning	Bespoke replies were given by officers. Matters not relevant to Area Designation