

## Representations for Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Plan

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<b>LDF/00025</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Sustainable Places ,Environment Agency</b>	

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Representation: *Comment*

We have no comments to make on these designations. However, we would be keen to engage with you and the Parish Councils as the Neighbourhood Plan progresses. In particular, we can provide advice on flood risk, water resources, contamination, groundwater, sustainable drainage and watercourses.

<b>LDF/00060</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Sport England - East Region</b>
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Planning Policy in the National Planning Policy Framework identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process and providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type and in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means positive planning for sport, protection from unnecessary loss of sports facilities and an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land and community facilities provision is important.

It 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, 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England ¿ Planning Policy Statement'.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/development-management/planning-applications/playing-field-land/>

Sport England provides guidance on developing policy for sport and further information can be found following the link below:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/>

Sport England works with Local Authorities to ensure Local Plan policy is underpinned by robust and up to date assessments and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports delivery. If local authorities have prepared a Playing Pitch Strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports strategy it will be important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the recommendations set out in that document and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support the delivery of those recommendations.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/>

If new sports facilities are being proposed Sport England recommend you ensure such facilities are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

<b>LDF/00384</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>Anglian Water Services Ltd</b>
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Representation: *Comment*

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area for Barkway and Nuthampstead.

We have no comment to make at this stage, however if the plan progresses we would be pleased to comment on later stages of the draft plan on matters relevant to Anglian Water.

<b>LDF/01315</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Foot</b>
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Representation: *Support*

I am in agreement with this request and I hope you will grant their application.

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**LDF/01606**                      **34**                      **Davidson**

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Representation: *Support*

This proposal by Barkway Parish Council and Nuthampstead Parish meeting makes logical and historical sense. The two organisations have co-operated well in the the past over planning issues, and I would hope that going forward they would be empowered to work together in the manner and spirit shown by this initiative

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**LDF/02959**                      **150**                      **English Heritage**

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English Heritage has no objection to this designation. However, given the numbers of designated heritage assets within both parishes (a quick desk-based check indicates a scheduled monument, a significant number of listed buildings including a Grade I church and others at Grade II\* and Grade II, plus a Conservation Area and a Grade II Registered Park and Garden), in the event that the parish councils are granted this status we would request that you remind the Parish Councils that English Heritage has a statutory role in the development plan process, and that there is a duty to consult English Heritage where our interests are considered to be affected. We can then provide specific advice concerning the inclusion of the historic environment in their plan. Of course the nature of the locally-led neighbourhood plan process is that the community itself should determine its own agenda based on the issues it is concerned about. At the same time, as a national organisation able increasingly to draw upon our experiences of neighbourhood planning exercises across the country, our input, agreed on a case by case basis, can help those communities reflect upon the special (heritage) qualities which define their area to best ensure that optimum and sustainable outcomes are achieved.

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**LDF/04367**                      **6**                      **Shire Consulting**

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Representation: *Object*

We refer to the Application Letter and Neighbourhood Plan Area Map asking for Barkway and Nuthampstead to be designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area under Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. On a matter of detail, the area put forward for the Neighbourhood Plan is far too extensive, going way beyond any land that might possibly affect these small settlements.

However, more fundamentally, we object to the whole proposal as such designation is unnecessary. The emerging replacement Local Plan for North Hertfordshire, together with the National Planning Policy Framework, will provide the policy basis for dealing with applications for planning permission. The proposed introduction of another layer of planning policy by the Barkway Parish Council and the

Nuthampstead Parish Meeting is totally unnecessary for small settlements such as these. The proposal will result in a waste of resources by the Local Planning Authority in dealing with it when those resources should be concentrated on the Council's and the Government's priority of achieving an adopted Local Plan for North Hertfordshire.

It is evident from the Parish Council's Questionnaire that the motive for the request for designation is to prevent development that accords with National Planning Policy. The preamble to the Questionnaire is clearly designed to encourage and facilitate this:

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<p>'If we don't have a Neighbourhood Plan, developers can get approval from Central Government to build on Greenfield sites irrespective of local opinion. North Hertfordshire District Council will have no Local Plan until July 2015 so our Neighbourhood Plan will be the only protection against arbitrary decisions being made at Developer / Government level'.</p>			

That intention is contrary to the requirement set out in the NPPF that a neighbourhood plan must 'be aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area..and should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies' (NPPF para. 184).

This application for designation intends to fetter the outcome of the statutory process of reviewing the North Herts Local Plan that is already under way and that will be subject to public examination as part of the review process. That is completely contrary to the intention of the Government.

As set out above, the District Council should therefore refuse the application for designation of a Neighbourhood Planning Area for Barkway and Nuthampstead as such designation is unnecessary and is designed to undermine the statutory planning process.

<b>LDF/04513</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Dalton</b>	
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Representation:	<i>Support</i>		

I support the combined plan for the two areas.

<b>LDF/10240</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Talbot</b>	
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