

Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan



Response Form

This form has two parts to complete (please use black ink):

Part A – Your Details

Part B – Your Response

If you need any further information or assistance in completing this form please contact the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Policy Team on: 01954 713183 or

neighbourhood.planning@scambss.gov.uk

All comments **must** be received by 5pm on Tuesday **13/20** April 2021.

Data Protection

We will treat your data in accordance with our Privacy Notices:

www.scambss.gov.uk/planning-policy-privacy-notice/. Information will be used by South Cambridgeshire District Council solely in relation to the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan. Please note that all responses will be available for public inspection and cannot be treated as confidential. Representations, including names, are published on our website. **By submitting this response form you are agreeing to these conditions.**

The Council is not allowed to automatically notify you of future consultations unless you 'opt-in'.

Do you wish to be kept informed of future stages of the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan?

Please tick: Yes No

Part A – Your Details

Please note that we cannot register your comments without your details.

Name:	██████████	Agent's name:	
Name of organisation: (if applicable)		Name of Agent's organisation: (if applicable)	
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Telephone:	██████████	Telephone:	
Signature:		Date:	

If you are submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.

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Agent number:

Representor number:

Representation number:

Part B – Your Response

What part of the Neighbourhood Plan do you have comments on?

Policy or Paragraph Number (please state)	
Do you Support, Object or have Comments? (Please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comment

Reason for Support, Object or Comment:

Please give details to explain why you support, object or have comments on the Neighbourhood Plan. If you are commenting on more than one policy or paragraph, please make clear which parts of your response relate to each policy or paragraph

If you consider that the referendum boundary should be extended, please outline your reasons.

I am objecting to Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan (WNP) as I consider that it is flawed from the outset in that the public have not been properly involved.

There is no formal proposal on an agenda of Waterbeach Parish Council that a Neighbourhood Plan be done and no formal proposal to consider and agree the Application to Designate a Neighbourhood Area. SCDC Legal Compliance document dated February 2021 notes that at a meeting on 18th August 2015 'a joint working agreement was agreed between Waterbeach Parish Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council setting out how the two councils would work together'. Note: The Area was designated on 10th August, 2015 without proper procedure by the parish council. Waterbeach Parish Council Newsletters are **not** delivered to all households in the parish, leaflets in shops/pubs etc., on noticeboards and publishing on web sites and Facebook are not a guaranteed way of consulting with residents merely a tick box approach to claim proper consultation. Many residents do not frequent the village facilities, may not look at the noticeboards (particularly in the last year) or look at the web site or Facebook. The few households (max. 4) evidenced by the WNP minutes and the number, approximately 0.02% of the population, attending the Annual Parish Meeting in July 2014 when the 'idea of WTP was floated' (as per the Application to Designate) suggests that there is little support or enthusiasm for a Neighbourhood Plan.

Facts within the Application to Designate a Neighbourhood Area are either misleading, incorrect or out of date;

Flooding and Drainage: 'much of the area is low lying and prone to flooding and the pumping capacity (of the Waterbeach Internal Drainage Board pumps) is limited meaning the flooding risk and surface water drainage are significant issues.' It is of concern that this statement has been made without referral to Waterbeach IDB's engineer. As a member of the Board I am familiar with the fact that the pumping stations have a maximum pumping capacity designed on the area of land drained to each pumping station serving Waterbeach and based on Greenfield run off of 1.1 litres/second/ha. Capacity of the pumping stations is protected from reaching capacity by the requirement on new developments by the Board that they satisfy the design capacity laid down to mitigate water flow from the development to Greenfield run off.

Former Barracks Area: the statement renders the application out of date as it does not reflect the current status - the area of the Former Barracks now has planning permission for a new town of 6000 houses with a further decision by SCDC planning committee recommending approval and delegating final approval to the planning officers - which may result in the boundary of Waterbeach changing within the period of time of any Neighbourhood plan now adopted

Apart from the objections above based on procedural issues and misleading statements the submitted WNP covers areas of design and identity of the new town on the former barracks area which are covered in the Local Plan and areas of green space which it is unnecessary to include as the areas are protected by the local plan and NPFA. Without highlighting all of the areas within the submitted plans which are unnecessary and do not reflect the current status I lodge my objections and suggest that the Plan is rejected and it is recommended that a resubmission is made which can demonstrate proper practice of the Parish Council, improved involvement with the residents of Waterbeach and more inclusive consultation. (If I had not been clerk of a parish council listed as consultee I would not have known about this consultation.)

Summary of Comments:

If your comments are longer than 100 words, please summarise the main issues raised.

Proper procedures were not followed by Waterbeach Parish Council to agree that a Neighbourhood Plan was done or the in agreeing the area for designation. The submitted plan, subject to this consultation, is out of date and does not reflect the current situation of the designated area, the management of surface water or sewage treatment

Completed forms must be received by 5pm on 13/20 April 2021 at:

Email: neighbourhood.planning@scambs.gov.uk or post it to:

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