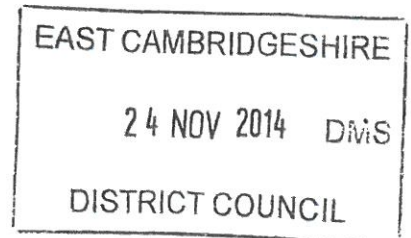




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Dear Ms Hague

Ref: Application for Neighbourhood Area Designation – Sutton

Thank you for your electronic notification of the above matter sent to my colleague Tom Gilbert Wooldridge. 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. These are all listed at Grade II, with the exception of the parish church of St Andrew, which is listed at Grade I. Outside the boundaries of the conservation area, but still within the village, are a further 3 Grade II listed buildings. Away from the village there is a pair of listed buildings at Burystead Farm; Burystead itself is listed at Grade I and incorporates the remains of a late 13th century or early 14th century monastic chapel, while the 18th century barn is listed at Grade II. Further away from the village to the southwest are two scheduled long barrows and to the northwest there is a scheduled round barrow. In line with national planning policy, it will be important that the strategy for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets so that they can be enjoyed by future generations.

We consider that the planning team and historic buildings conservation officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council will be best placed to assist the parish in the development of their Neighbourhood Plan and, in particular, how the strategy might address the area's heritage assets. Consequently, we do not consider that there is a need for English Heritage to be involved in the development of this plan, but we would welcome the opportunity to comment on a draft in due course.

Furthermore, we would recommend that the Parish consult the Historic Environment Record to gain advice on designated heritage assets and archaeological matters, together with locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may be available on-line via the Heritage

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Gateway (www.heritagegateway.org.uk). It may also be useful for the Parish to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society or local historic groups in the production of their Neighbourhood Plan.

English Heritage has produced a number of documents which the parish might find helpful in helping to identify what it is about their area which makes it distinctive and how they might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. These can be found at:-

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/get-involved/improving-your-neighbourhood/>

The Parish Council may also find the advice in "*Planning for the Environment at the Neighbourhood Level*" useful. This has been produced by English Heritage, Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission. As well as giving ideas on how you might improve your local environment, it also contains some useful further sources of information.

In the event that Sutton Parish's application for designation as a Neighbourhood Area is successful, I would be grateful if you would provide them with a copy of this letter. If you have any queries about this matter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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