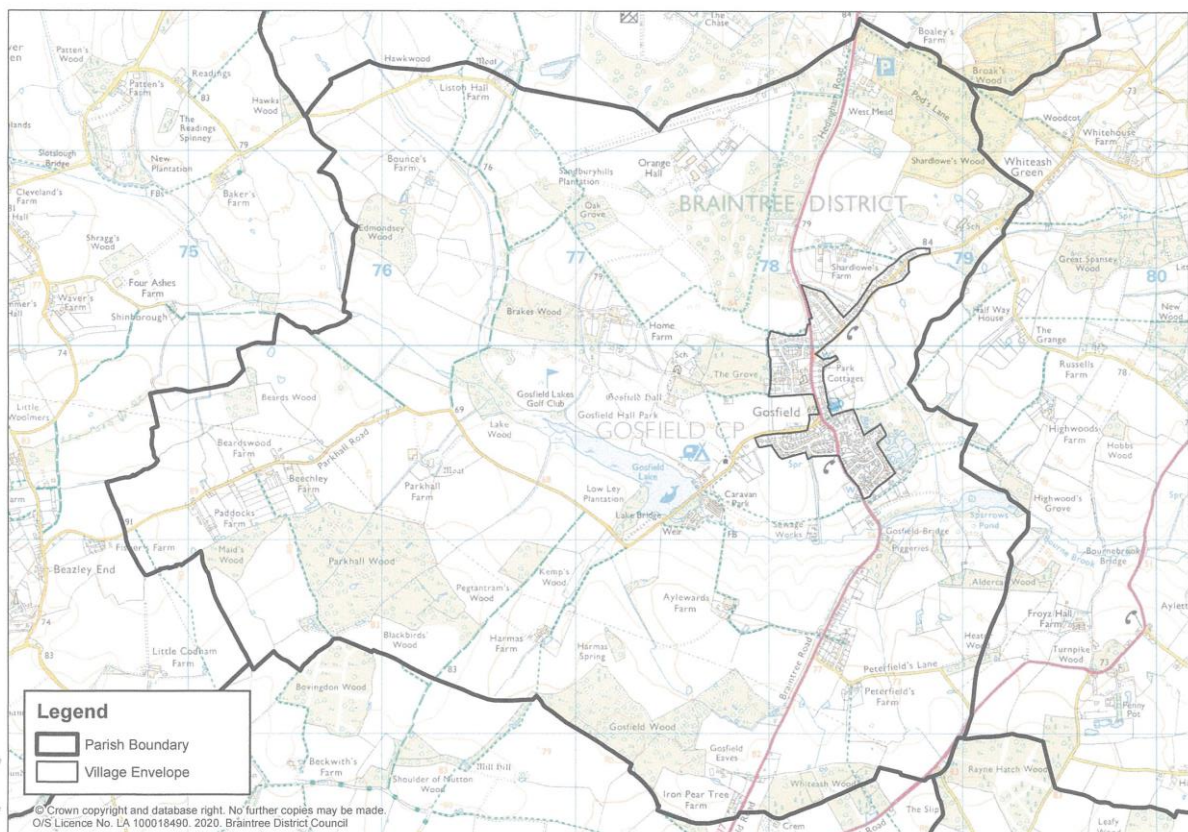


Notice under Regulation 7 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (As amended)

The Gosfield Neighbourhood Area application submitted by Gosfield Parish Council was approved by delegated decision on the 19th March 2021. The decision was made on the basis that the applicant is Gosfield Parish Council and the area applied for was the whole extent of Gosfield Parish.

A copy of the application, area map and delegated decision notice is available to view at www.braintree.gov.uk

Braintree District Council



RECORD OF DECISION MADE BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

1. **CORPORATE DIRECTOR:**

Dominic Collins – Corporate Director

2. **SOURCE OF DELEGATION:**

Minute 40 of Cabinet of 10th February 2020.

3. **DECISION:**

To approve the proposed Neighbourhood Plan area for Gosfield Parish.

4. **KEY DECISION:**

No

5. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

To enable Gosfield Parish Council to begin production of a neighbourhood plan by designating its neighbourhood plan area.

6. **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT TIME DECISION MADE:**

No reasonable alternatives as designation of a neighbourhood plan area which matches a parish area should be approved without delay.

7. **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Covering letter and area map from Gosfield Parish Council (Attached)

8. **DETAILS OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST :**

There are no conflicts of interest

9. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

The Public Sector Equality Duty applies to the Council when it makes decisions. The duty requires us to have regard to the need to:

- a) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other behaviour prohibited by the Act. In summary, the Act makes discrimination etc. on the grounds of a protected characteristic unlawful.
- b) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- c) Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, gender, and sexual orientation.

There are no equality or diversity issues arising from this decision.

Completed Equality Impact Assessments is published on the website –

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/directory/44/equality-impact-assesments/category/259>

10. SAFEGUARDING:

There are no safeguarding issues arising from this decision.

11. LEGAL:

There are no legal issues arising from the decision to designate a neighbourhood area.

12. CUSTOMER IMPACT:

Limited at this time. Once a neighbourhood plan is approved it would be used in planning decision making in Gosfield Parish only.

13. ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE:

The Neighbourhood Plan would be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment screening at a later stage..

14. CONSULTATION/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

None required at this stage.

DECISION AGREED:

(Signature)

Date of decision: 19th March 2021

Name of Officer Providing Advice to Director – Alan Massow
Title: Principal Planning Policy Officer



18 MAR 2021

Gosfield Parish Council
Parish Clerk: Mrs D. Jacob
5 Crocklands
Greenstead Green
Halstead
Essex
CO9 1QY
Tel: 07907631172

parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org

www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield

Mr A Massow
Planning Policy Department
Braintree District Council
Causeway House
Bocking End
Braintree
Essex
CM7 9HB

16th March 2021

Dear Sirs

Gosfield Parish Council - Application to designate a Neighbourhood Plan Area

Under the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, 2012 (part 2, section 6) please accept this letter and the accompanying map as the Parish Council's formal application to designate a Neighbourhood Planning Area.

Abiding by the regulations and in particular part 2, section 5, we:

1. Include a map which identifies the area to which the area application applies – the Parish of Gosfield as outlined by the bold black outline.
2. The area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area because: -
 - It is co-terminus with existing local government administrative boundaries
 - It is inclusive and will enable the designated neighbourhood to reach all potential areas of development
 - Likewise, it will enable a fuller range of consultation within the designated area
 - It permits the local authority to operate this plan together with potential adjoining neighbourhoods and does not leave any 'gaps'
3. Within the meaning of section 61 G (a) Gosfield Parish Council is a relevant body.

I trust that this letter and attached map provides all the required information, but please contact the Clerk at the above address should this not be the case.

Yours faithfully

Diane Jacob
Parish Clerk on behalf of Gosfield Parish Council

