



Daventry District Council

West Haddon Neighbourhood Development Plan

Decision Statement

29th January 2016

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following a positive referendum result, Daventry District Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the West Haddon Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of Daventry District's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

2. Background

- 2.1 West Haddon Parish Council, as the qualifying body, applied for West Haddon to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area on 20th September 2013. Following consultation on the application the District Council designated West Haddon parish as a Neighbourhood Area on the 27th February 2014.
- 2.2 The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was published by West Haddon Parish Council for public consultation on 10th December 2014 and closed on the 31st January 2015.
- 2.3 Following submission of the West Haddon Neighbourhood Development plan to the District Council on 12th February 2015 the plan was published for consultation by the District Council. The consultation period ran from Thursday 19th February 2015 to Thursday 2nd April 2015.
- 2.4 Following the submission consultation, Daventry District Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, appointed an independent Examiner, Jeremy Edge BSc (Hons) FRICS MRTPI, to review whether the plan met the Basic Conditions required by the legislation and should proceed to a referendum.
- 2.5 Following the examination, which included a hearing held on Thursday 23rd July 2015 at the West Haddon Village Hall, the Examiner's report was completed in September 2015 and made available on the Council's website. The report concludes that subject to the making of the modifications recommended in his report (Appendix 2 and appendix 3 to that report) the plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in legislation and should proceed to a referendum. At it's meeting on 10th December 2015

Daventry District Council considered a report on the West Haddon Neighbourhood Plan. Having considered that report, Council resolved that:

- 1) the significant progress in making the neighbourhood development plan (NDP) by the West Haddon community be noted and welcomed.
- 2) the Examiner's recommended modifications in respect of the West Haddon NDP are accepted.
- 3) the Examiner's recommendation that the NDP as modified in accordance with recommendation (2) should proceed to a referendum of voters within the Parish of West Haddon be accepted.
- 4) the costs of the referendum be met from the earmarked reserve for neighbourhood planning.
- 5) following the referendum: a. if more than half of those voting in the referendum vote in favour that the NDP; and b. if the Business Manager is satisfied that making the NDP would not contravene Convention rights or European Union obligations the NDP be formally made and form part of the Development Plan for Daventry District.
- 6) if the NDP is made in accordance with (5) then this should be as soon as practicable after the referendum result is announced by the returning officer.
- 7) subject to items (2) to (5) inclusive the proposed Decision Statement set out at Appendix 1¹ be approved.

3. Decision and Reasons

- 3.1 With the Examiner's recommended modifications the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in paragraph (8) (2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, is compatible with EU obligations and the Convention Rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Sections 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended.
- 3.2 A referendum into the Plan was held on Thursday 28th January 2016. Those voting were asked the following question:

'Do you want Daventry District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for West Haddon to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'
- 3.3 The count took place on Thursday, 28th January 2016, the result of the referendum was as follows:

¹ Appendix 1 to the Strategy Group report dated 26th November 2015- The Proposed Decision Statement

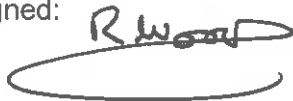
Response	Number of Votes	Percentage of Total
Yes	369	91.11%
No	36	8.89%
Turnout : 33.17%		

- 3.4 The regulations require that a majority of those voting vote in favour for the plan to be made. **This requirement is therefore satisfied.**
- 3.5 Part 6 of the Council resolution also requires that the Business Manager be satisfied that making the NDP would not contravene Convention rights or European Union obligations before formally making the plan. This was the case at the time of considering the report on December 10th 2015, and nothing has transpired since that date that would suggest any such contravention would occur. This requirement is met and it is possible for the plan to now be made.

Upon the signing of this document by the Business Manager, the West Haddon Neighbourhood Plan is made and planning applications in the West Haddon Neighbourhood Area must be considered against the West Haddon Neighbourhood Plan, as well as existing planning policy

I certify that the above statements are true.

Signed:



Richard Wood Local Strategy Manager

Date..... 29/1/16.....

I certify that I am satisfied that the making the WH NDP would not contravene Convention rights or European Union obligations.

Signed:



Simon Bowers, Business Manager

Date..... 29/1/2016.....

