



Daventry District Council

Moulton Neighbourhood Development Plan

Decision Statement

2nd December 2016

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following a positive referendum result, Daventry District Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the Moulton 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 Moulton Parish Council, as the qualifying body, applied for Moulton to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area on 23rd May 2012. Following consultation on the application the District Council designated Moulton Parish as a Neighbourhood Area on the 6th December 2012.
- 2.2 The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was published by Moulton Parish Council for public consultation on 13th January 2015 and closed on the 27th February 2015.
- 2.3 Following submission of the Moulton Neighbourhood Development plan to the District Council on 29th July 2015 the plan was published for consultation by the District Council. The consultation period ran from Tuesday 1st September and closed on the 16th October 2015.
- 2.4 Following the submission consultation, Daventry District Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, appointed an independent Examiner, John Parmiter, 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 3rd March 2016 at Moulton Village Hall, the Examiner's report was completed in March 2016 and made available on the Council's website. The report concludes that subject to the making of the modifications recommended in his report the plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in legislation and should proceed to a referendum. At its meeting on 6th October Daventry District Council considered a report on the Moulton Neighbourhood Plan. Having considered that report, Council resolved that:

1) That the significant progress in making the neighbourhood development plan (NDP) by the Moulton community be noted and welcomed.

2) That the Examiner's recommended modifications in respect of the Moulton NDP are accepted, and that further consequential amendments are made as set out in the proposed Decision Statement.

3) That the Examiner's recommendation that the NDP should proceed to a referendum of voters within the Parish of Moulton be accepted, as modified in accordance with recommendation (2).

4) That the proposed Decision Statement set out at Appendix 2 be approved, subject to any necessary factual alterations.

5) That the costs of the referendum be met from the earmarked reserve for neighbourhood planning.

6) That it is affirmed that the saved Green Wedge policy of the 1997 Daventry Local Plan is a strategic policy of the development plan.

3. Decision and Reasons

3.1 With the Examiner's recommended modifications (and additionally those referenced under point 2) above) 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 1st December 2016. Those voting were asked the following question:

'Do you want Daventry District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Moulton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

3.3 The count took place on Friday 2nd December, the result of the referendum was as follows:

Response	Number of Votes	Percentage of Total
Yes	765	90.86%
No	73	8.67%
Turnout : 27.44%		

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 To be legally compliant, neighbourhood development plans must not contravene Convention rights or European Union obligations when made. Based on the

Screening Report for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment (July 2015) and confirmed by the examiner in his report (March 2016) and that nothing has come to light subsequently, there is no evidence to suggest any such contravention would occur. I am satisfied that 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 Moulton Neighbourhood Plan is made and planning applications in the Moulton Neighbourhood Area must be considered against the Moulton Neighbourhood Plan, as well as existing planning policy

I certify that the above statements are true.

Signed:



Tom James, Principal Policy Officer (Planning)

Date..... 02 / 12 / 2016

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

Signed: 

Simon Bowers, Business Manager

Date..... 2 / 12 / 2016

