

## WEEDON BEC NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WITHDRAWAL STATEMENT

February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017

- 1) In January 2016 Weedon Bec Parish Council submitted their Neighbourhood Development Plan to Daventry District Council, who then conducted an eight week Regulation 16 consultation in February-March 2016. Consultation on errata to the Environmental Report was undertaken in July - August 2016. Following this, the Neighbourhood Development Plan and supporting documents received to the Regulation 16 consultation, were sent to an Independent Examiner, Ann Skippers. Ms Skippers produced her report in February 2017.
- 2) The Examiner concluded that in several respects the Neighbourhood Development Plan did not meet the Basic Conditions, laid down in Section 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and recommended that it should not proceed to a referendum.
- 3) Weedon Bec Parish Council has subsequently taken the decision to withdraw the Weedon Bec Neighbourhood Development Plan and formally notified Daventry District Council of this on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 (please refer to Appendix 1 for the letter of withdrawal).
- 4) The Parish Council will now consider how to proceed with the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Any updates will be published on the Council's website:

<https://www.davertrydc.gov.uk/living/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/>



## WEEDON BEC PARISH COUNCIL

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21<sup>st</sup> February, 2017

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Dear Jane

### **Weedon Bec's Neighbourhood Plan**

At an Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> February, the Council's decision was that they wish to formally withdraw their Neighbourhood Plan.

As you can imagine, we are understandably shocked after all the hard work that went into it. We are trying to make sense of the comments made, some we feel are harsh and set a very high bar for evidence for a plan at parish level. We will need some time to think of a way forward. Therefore whilst we will be withdrawing the Plan we would hope that we can arrange a meeting with you, in the next month or so.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Halkett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sue Halkett  
On behalf of the Parish Council