



Daventry District Council

Welford Neighbourhood Development Plan

Decision Statement

22nd September 2017

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following a positive referendum result, Daventry District Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the Welford 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 Welford Parish Council, as the qualifying body, applied for Welford to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area on 24th January 2015. Following consultation on the application the District Council designated Welford Parish as a Neighbourhood Area on the 28th May 2015.
- 2.2 The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was published by Welford Parish Council for public consultation on 1st July 2016 and closed on the 12th August 2016.
- 2.3 Following submission of the Welford Neighbourhood Development plan to the District Council, the plan was published for consultation by the District Council. The consultation period ran from 5th December 2016 and closed on the 20th January 2016.
- 2.4 Following the submission consultation, Daventry District Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, appointed an independent Examiner, Robert Bryan 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 the Examiner's report was completed in July 2017 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 27th July 2017 Daventry District Council considered a report on the Welford Neighbourhood Plan. Having considered that report, Council resolved that:

- 1) That the significant progress in making the neighbourhood development plan (NDP) by the Welford community be noted and welcomed.
- 2) That the Examiner's recommended modifications in respect of the Welford NDP are accepted.
- 3) That 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 Welford be accepted.
- 4) That subject to items (2) and (3) above, the proposed Decision Statement set out in Appendix 1 be approved, subject to any necessary factual alterations.
- 5) That the costs of the referendum be met from the earmarked reserve for neighbourhood planning.

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 21st September 2017. Those voting were asked the following question:

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

3.3 The count took place on Thursday 21st September 2017, the result of the referendum was as follows:

Response	Number of Votes	Percentage of Total
Yes	257	91.46%
No	24	8.54%
Turnout : 33.94%		

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 2016) and confirmed by the examiner in his report (July 2017) 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 Welford Neighbourhood Plan is made and planning applications in the Welford Neighbourhood Area must be considered against the Welford Neighbourhood Plan, as well as existing planning policy

I certify that the above statements are true.

Signed:



Tom James, Principal Policy Officer (Planning)

Date... 22/09/2017

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

Signed:



Simon Bowers, Business Manager

Date... 22/Sept/2017

