



Daventry District Council

Woodford cum Membris Neighbourhood Development Plan

Decision Statement

4th May 2018

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following a positive referendum result, Daventry District Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the Woodford cum Membris 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 Woodford cum Membris Parish Council, as the qualifying body, applied for Woodford cum Membris Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. Following consultation on the application the District Council designated Woodford cum Membris as a Neighbourhood Area on the 2nd October 2014.
- 2.2 The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was published by Woodford cum Membris Parish Council for public consultation on 3rd October 2016 and closed on 14th November 2016.
- 2.3 Following submission of the Woodford cum Membris Neighbourhood Development Plan to the District Council, the plan was published for consultation by the District Council. The consultation period ran from 14th August to 9th October 2017.
- 2.4 Following the submission consultation, Daventry District Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, appointed an independent Examiner, Peter Biggers, BSc Hons 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 February 2018 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 8th March 2017 Daventry District Council considered a report on the Woodford cum Membris Neighbourhood Plan. Having considered that report, Council resolved that:

1. That the significant progress in making the neighbourhood development plan (NDP) by the Woodford cum Membris community be noted and welcomed.
2. That the Examiner's recommended modifications in respect of the Woodford cum Membris 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 Woodford cum Membris 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 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 3rd May 2018. Those voting were asked the following question:

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

3.3 The count took place on Thursday 3rd May 2018, the result of the referendum was as follows:

Response	Number of Votes	Percentage of Total
Yes	663	85.88%
No	109	14.12%
Turnout : 27.82%		

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.**

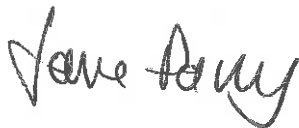
3.5 To be legally compliant, neighbourhood development plans must not contravene Convention rights or European Union obligations when made. Based on the Screening Report for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment (July 2016) and confirmed by the examiner in his report (February 2018)

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 Woodford cum Membris Neighbourhood Plan is made and planning applications in the Woodford cum Membris Neighbourhood Area must be considered against the Woodford cum Membris Neighbourhood Plan, as well as existing planning policy.

I certify that the above statements are true.

Signed:



Jane Parry, Senior Policy Officer (Planning)

Date 14th May 2018

I certify that I am satisfied that the making the Woodford cum Membris Neighbourhood Development Plan would not contravene Convention rights or European Union obligations.

Signed:



Simon Bowers, Business Manager

Date 4/5/2018