



Daventry District Council

Guiltsborough Neighbourhood Development Plan

Decision Statement

25 January 2019

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following a positive referendum result, Daventry District Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the Guiltsborough 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 Guiltsborough Parish Council, as the qualifying body, applied for Guiltsborough Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area on 22nd June 2014. Following consultation on the application the District Council designated Guiltsborough as a Neighbourhood Area on the 2nd October 2014.
- 2.2 The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was published by Guiltsborough Parish Council for public consultation on 18th April 2017 and closed on 6th June 2017.
- 2.3 Following submission of the Guiltsborough Neighbourhood Development Plan to the District Council, the plan was published for consultation by the District Council. The consultation period ran from 19th February 2018 to 9th April 2018.
- 2.4 Following the submission consultation, Daventry District Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, appointed an independent Examiner, Deborah McCann BSc MRICS MRTPI Dip Arch Con Dip LD, 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 August 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 6th December 2018 Daventry District Council considered a report on the Guiltsborough Neighbourhood Plan. Having considered that report, Council resolved that:
- 1) That the significant progress in making the neighbourhood development plan (NDP) by the Guiltsborough community be noted and welcomed.

- 2) That the Examiner's recommended modifications in respect of the Guilsborough NDP are accepted and further minor modifications as set out in Appendix 1 are also made.
- 3) The NDP, as modified in accordance with recommendation (2), shall proceed to a referendum of voters within the Guilsborough Neighbourhood Area.
- 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 24th January 2019. Those voting were asked the following question:

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

3.3 The count took place on Friday 25th January 2019, the result of the referendum was as follows:

Response	Number of Votes	Percentage of Total
Yes	229	87.40%
No	30	11.45%
Turnout : 49.06%		
Number of Ballot Papers Rejected: 3 (1.15%)		

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 her report (August 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 Guilsborough Neighbourhood Plan is made and planning applications in the Guilsborough Neighbourhood Area must be considered against the Guilsborough Neighbourhood Plan, as well as existing planning policy.

I certify that the above statements are true.

Signed:



Tom James, Principal Policy Officer (Planning)

Date.....25/01/19.....

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

Signed:



Simon Bowers, Business Manager

Date.....25 January 2019.....

