



Daventry District Council

Welton 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 Welton 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 Welton Parish Council, as the qualifying body, applied for Welton Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area on 14th January 2016. Following consultation on the application the District Council designated the majority of Welton parish as a Neighbourhood Area on the 14th April 2016. The neighbourhood area excludes the area covered by the outline planning permission for Mickle Well Park (DA/2014/0869).
- 2.2 The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was published by Welton Parish Council for public consultation on 19th February 2017 and closed on 14th August 2017.
- 2.3 Following submission of the Welton Neighbourhood Development Plan to the District Council on 21st March 2018, the plan was published for consultation by the District Council. The consultation period ran from 26th March 2018 to 14th May 2018.
- 2.4 Following the submission consultation, Daventry District Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, appointed an independent Examiner, John Slater BA (Hons), DMS, 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 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 Welton Neighbourhood Plan. Having considered that report, Council resolved that:

- 1) That the significant progress in making the neighbourhood development plan (NDP) by the Welton community be noted and welcomed.
- 2) That the Examiner's recommended modifications in respect of the Welton 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 Welton Neighbourhood Area 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 24th January 2019. Those voting were asked the following question:

'Do you want Daventry District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Welton 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	239	96.76%
No	8	3.24%
Turnout : 48.71%		
Number of Votes Rejected: 0		

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 Welton Neighbourhood Plan is made and planning applications in the Welton Neighbourhood Area must be considered against the Welton 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 Welton NDP would not contravene Convention rights or European Union obligations.

Signed:



Simon Bowers, Business Manager

Date... 25/Jan/2019

