

West Northamptonshire Council

Clipston Neighbourhood Development Plan

Decision Statement

3 December 2021

1. Summary

1.1 Following a positive referendum result, West Northamptonshire Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the Clipston Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of West Northamptonshire Council's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

2. Background

2.1 Clipston Parish Council, as the qualifying body, applied to be designated as a neighbourhood area on 20th Feb 2017. Following consultation on the application Daventry District Council designated the neighbourhood area on 3rd March 2017.

2.2 The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was published by Clipston Parish Council for public consultation between 7 September and 30 October 2020.

2.3 Following submission of the Clipston Neighbourhood Development Plan to Daventry District Council on 4 February 2021 the plan was published for consultation between 7 February and 23 March 2021.

2.4 Following the submission consultation, West Northamptonshire Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, appointed an independent Examiner, Andrew Ashcroft BA (Hons) MA, 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 September 2021 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 12 October 2021 West Northamptonshire Council's Cabinet considered a report on the Clipston Neighbourhood Development Plan. Having considered that report, it was resolved that Cabinet:

- a) Notes and welcomes the significant progress in making the NDP by the Clipston community.
- b) Agrees the Examiner's recommended modifications in respect of the Clipston NDP are accepted and further minor modifications as set out in appendix 1 are also made
- c) Agrees that the NDP, as modified in accordance with recommendation (b), shall proceed to a referendum of voters within the Clipston neighbourhood area
- d) Approves subject to items (b) and (c) above, the proposed decision statement set out in appendix 1, subject to any necessary factual alterations
- e) Agrees that delegated authority be given to the Interim Head of Planning and Climate Change Policy to make further minor editorial changes to the NDP to address any factual and typographical errors and to reflect the fact that the document will be in its intended final form
- f) Agrees 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 2 December 2021. Those voting were asked the following question:

'Do you want West Northamptonshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Clipston to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

3.3 The count took place on Thursday 2 December 2021, the result of the referendum was as follows:

Response	Number of Votes	Percentage of Total
Yes	202	86.7%
No	31	13.3%
Turnout: 42.91%		
Number of ballot papers 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 and Scoping Reports for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment (December 2019 and April 2020) and Full Strategic Environmental Assessment (July 2020 and January 2021) and confirmed by the examiner in his report (September 2021) 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 Interim Head of Planning and Climate Change Policy, the Clipston Neighbourhood Plan is made and planning applications in the Clipston Neighbourhood Area must be considered against the Clipston Neighbourhood Plan, as well as existing planning policy.

I certify that the above statements are true.

Signed:

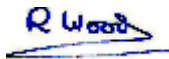


Margaret Howe, Senior Policy Officer (Planning)

Date 3rd December 2021

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

Signed:



Richard Wood, Interim Head of Planning and Climate Change Policy

Date 3rd December 2021