

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DRAYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: FINAL DECISION STATEMENT

DATE OF PUBLICATION – 5 August 2024

1. Decision

1.1. Following an Independent Examination and a positive referendum result Vale of White Horse District Council decided at the Council meeting on 15 July 2015:

1. To make the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for Vale of White Horse.

2. Background

2.1 The Drayton Neighbourhood Plan Area was designated on 8 February 2013.

2.2 Following the submission of the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan Submission Version ('the Plan') to the Council, the plan was publicised, and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 29 October 2014.

2.3 Vale of White Horse District Council appointed an independent Examiner, Alyson Linnegar, to review whether the plan met the basic conditions required by legislation and whether the plan should proceed to referendum.

2.4 The Examiner's Report concluded, subject to the modifications proposed in the report, that the plan meets the Basic Conditions.

2.5 A referendum was held on Thursday 12 March 2015 and 90.8% of those who voted were in favour of the plan.

3. Reason for Decision

- 3.1 Section 38A(4)(a) of the 2004 Act requires the Council to make the neighbourhood plan if more than half of those voting in the referendum have voted in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area. Section 38A (6) of the 2004 Act states that the Local Planning Authority is not subject to the duty if it considers that the making of the Plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights.
- 3.2 The neighbourhood plan, including its preparation, does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
- 3.3 A referendum relating to the adoption of the Drayton Neighbourhood Development Plan was held on Thursday 12 March 2015.
- 3.4 The question which was asked in the Referendum was: “*Do you want Vale of White Horse District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Drayton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*”
- 3.5 The result was as follows:

Response	Votes	Per cent of total
Yes	634	90.8%
No	64	9.2%
Turnout	698	35.5%

- 3.6 The majority of local electors voted in favour of the plan; therefore, the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan has become part of the council’s development plan.
- 3.7 As the plan was approved at the local referendum and the council is satisfied it would not breach and be otherwise incompatible with EU obligations or human rights legislation, the council is required make the Drayton Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 3.8 The Council decided at the Council meeting on 15 July 2015 to make the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan so that it becomes part of the council’s development plan.

4. Other Information

- 4.1 In accordance with Regulations 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, this Decision Statement and the made Drayton Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the Council’s website:

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/neighbourhood-plans/emerging-neighbourhood-plans/drayton-neighbourhood-plan/>

4.2 This Decision Statement and the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan can be inspected at:

Reception Vale of White Horse District Council Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JE	If you would like to view these documents at the Council offices, please contact us on 01235 422600 or email: planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk to book an appointment.
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4.3 In accordance with Regulation 19(b) and Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a copy of this Decision Statement has been sent to:

- The qualifying body, namely Drayton Parish Council

Signed: 

Date: 15/05/2024

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