

Broads Authority

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Agenda item number 15

Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan- for adoption

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Purpose

The Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan has been examined. The Examiner made some changes to the Plan. The Plan was subject to a referendum on 17th November.

Recommended decision

The result of the referendum will be reported verbally to this meeting. If more than 50% voted in favour of the Plan, it will be recommended that the Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan be made/adopted by the Broads Authority.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The submitted Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Broads Authority's Planning Committee in January 2022. This was followed by a statutory publication period between 10 January 2022 and 21 February 2022, in which the Plan and its supporting documents were available to the public and consultation bodies online at East Suffolk Council's website.
- 1.2. During the publication period, representations were received from 10 different organisations/individuals. The representations may be viewed here:
<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Neighbourhood-Planning/Designated-Neighbourhood-Areas/Worlingham/Worlingham-Summary-of-responses-to-Submission-Neighbourhood-Plan.pdf>
- 1.3. These representations were submitted, along with the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting information, to the independent Examiner, Christopher Lockhart Mummery. The examination was conducted via written representations during summer 2022 (the Examiner deciding that a public hearing would not be required).
- 1.4. Legislation directs that an Examiner considers whether:
 - a) the draft plan meets the [basic conditions of a Neighbourhood Development Plan](#);
 - b) the draft plan complies with the definition of a Neighbourhood Development Plan and the provisions that can be made by such a plan;
 - c) the area for referendum should extend beyond the neighbourhood area; and

d) the draft plan is compatible with the Convention rights.

2. The Examiner's Report

The [Examiner's Report on the Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan](#) concluded that, subject to amendments (as set out in the report), the Plan can proceed to referendum. The Examiner also concluded that the area of the referendum does not need to be extended beyond Worlingham.

3. Referendum

The referendum for the [Worlingham Neighbourhood Plan](#) was held on 17th November, with the votes counted on 18th November. As this date is after the deadline for this report, the result will be reported verbally. If more than 50% voted in favour of the Plan, it will be recommended that the Bungay Neighbourhood Plan be made/adopted by the Broads Authority.

4. Next steps

If both the Broads Authority and East Suffolk Council make/adopt the Neighbourhood Plan, it becomes part of the Development Plan for the area. The policies have the same weight as Local Plan policies when making decisions.

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