

Planning Committee

30 May 2025

Agenda item number 9

Carlton Colville Neighbourhood Plan – Adoption

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Purpose

The Carlton Colville Neighbourhood Plan has been examined. The Examiner made some changes to the Plan. The Plan was subject to a referendum on 15 May 2025.

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 Carlton Colville Neighbourhood Plan be made/adopted.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The submitted Carlton Colville Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Broads Authority's Planning Committee in April 2023. This was followed by a statutory publication period between 10 May and 5pm on 21 June 2023, in which the Plan and its supporting documents were available to the public and consultation bodies online.
- 1.2. During the publication period, representations were received from various different organisations/individuals. The representations may be viewed, together with the late representations, via the following links:
 - [Responses to the Carlton Coville Neighbourhood Plan](#)
 - [Late Responses to the Carlton Colville Neighbourhood Plan](#)
- 1.3. These representations were submitted, along with the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting information, to the independent examiner, Nigel McGurk. The examination was conducted via written representations during early 2024 (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 and re-consultation

- 2.1. The [Examiner's Report on the Carlton Colville 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 Carlton Colville.
- 2.2. On receipt of the Report, Officers at East Suffolk Council and the Broads Authority as well as the Neighbourhood Plan Group were concerned about the changes proposed by the Examiner. Following discussions between the parties, it was agreed to re consult – details are set out in the December 2024 Planning Committee report: [Carlton Colville Neighbourhood Plan - Agreeing to re-consult](#).
- 2.3. The re-consultation took place between 11 December 2024 and 5 February 2025. The responses to that additional consultation can be found here: [Responses to Carlton Colville NP Additional Focused Consultation](#)

3. Referendum

- 3.1. Working with East Suffolk Council, and in light of the newly approved [amended Broads Authority process for Neighbourhood Plans](#), the Director of Strategic Services agreed for the Plan to proceed to referendum.
- 3.2. The referendum for the Carlton Colville Neighbourhood Plan was held on 15 May 2025. 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 Carlton Colville Neighbourhood Plan be made/adopted by the Broads Authority.

4. Next steps

- 4.1. 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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