

Broads Authority

24 July 2026

Agenda item number 17

The making of Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Plan

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Purpose

The reviewed Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Plan has been examined. The Examiner made some changes to the Plan. The Plan was subject to a referendum on 7 May 2026.

Recommended decision

The Broads Authority make/adopt the Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Plan.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The submitted Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Broads Authority's Head of Planning/Director of Delivery in May 2025. This was followed by a statutory publication period between 9.00am on Wednesday 13 August and 5.00pm on Friday 26 September 2025, in which the Plan and its supporting documents were available to the public and consultation bodies online at [Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Plan | Broadland and South Norfolk](#)
- 1.2. During the publication period, representations were received from various different organisations/individuals. The representations may be viewed online at [Strumpshaw Consultation Statement](#).
- 1.3. These representations were submitted, along with the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting information, to the independent Examiner, Mr Andrew Ashcroft. The examination was conducted via written representations during the end of 2025 and start of 2026 (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

- 2.1. The [Examiner's Report on the Strumpshaw 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 Strumpshaw parish.

3. Referendum

- 3.1. The referendum for the Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Plan was held on 7 May 2026.
- 3.2. Out of an electorate of 573, 344 votes were cast representing a turnout of 60%.
- 3.3. 299 voted Yes, 41 voted for No and 4 ballot papers were rejected.
- 3.4. The vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan was 86.9% which was greater than 50% of those voting.

4. Planning Committee

- 4.1. The same report went to July Planning Committee. At the time of writing this report, that Committee had not been held so if there are any comments and recommendations from Planning Committee they will be reported at Broads Authority.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1. If both the Broads Authority and Broadland 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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