

Planning Committee

18 July 2025

Agenda item number 11

Postwick with Witton Neighbourhood Plan- Adoption

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Purpose

The Postwick with Witton Neighbourhood Plan has been examined. The Examiner made some changes to the Plan. The Plan will be subject to referendum, early August 2025. The Parish Council is keen to ensure the Plan is made/adopted as soon as possible. This report seeks support for adopting the Plan in line with the recommendations set out.

Recommended decision

That Planning Committee recommends that Broads Authority:

- Adopt/make the Postwick with Witton Neighbourhood Plan.
 - Note that the adopting/making of the plan is subject to the Parish Council Referendum and Broadland and South Norfolk Councils adopting/making the Plan.
 - Delegate any final changes to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of Planning Committee prior to publishing.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The submitted Postwick with Witton Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Broads Authority's Director of Strategic Services for consultation in February 2025. This was followed by a statutory publication period between 19 March and 2 May 2025, in which the Plan and its supporting documents were available to the public and consultation bodies online at [Postwick with Witton Neighbourhood Plan | Broadland and South Norfolk](#).
- 1.2. During the publication period, representations were received from different organisations/individuals. The representations may be viewed via the following links: [Postwick with Witton Neighbourhood Plan Reg 16 - Consultee Response Summaries | Broadland and South Norfolk](#)
- 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 April/May 2025 (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 of Human rights.

2. The Examiner's Report

- 2.1. The [Examiner's Report on the Postwick with Witton 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 Postwick with Witton.

3. Referendum

- 3.1. The Parish Council is keen to get the Plan adopted/made as soon as possible in order to receive increased CIL receipts from Planning Applications in the Parish that are being determined. As such, at the time of writing, the Referendum had not taken place. The referendum is scheduled for early August 2025.
- 3.2. The recommendations seek adoption/making of the Plan subject to the Plan passing referendum.

4. Next steps

- 4.1. 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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