

Broads Authority

29 July 2022

Agenda item number 15

Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan and Fleggburgh Neighbourhood Plan - adoption

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Summary

The Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan and Fleggburgh Neighbourhood Plan (two separate neighbourhood plans) have been examined. The Examiners have made some changes to the Plans. The Plans were each subject to referenda on 23 June 2022 and 16 June 2022 respectively. Both Neighbourhood Plans were supported at Referendum and are now ready to be made (adopted).

Recommendation

To adopt Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan and Fleggburgh Neighbourhood Plan (two separate neighbourhood plans).

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton and Fleggburgh Neighbourhood Plans have been subject to referenda.
- 1.2. The Regulation 16 consultation on the Fleggburgh Neighbourhood Plan ran for eight weeks from Friday 20 August to Friday 15 October 2021. The Regulation 16 consultation on the Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan was held between 1st September 2021 and 13th October 2021. During this period, the Plans and their supporting documents were available to the public and consultation bodies online at [Great Yarmouth Borough Council – neighbourhood planning](#) and [Lound Ashby Herringfleet and Somerleyton neighbourhood area » East Suffolk Council](#).
- 1.3. During the publication period, representations were received from numerous different organisations/individuals. The representations may be viewed via the following links:
 - [FLES1 - Regulation 16 representations on the Fleggburgh Neighbourhood Plan \(great-yarmouth.gov.uk\)](#)

- [Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan - Summary of Representations](#)

1.4. These representations were submitted, along with the relevant Neighbourhood Plans and supporting information, to the independent Examiners: Nick McGurk for Fleggburgh Neighbourhood Plan and Andrew Ashcroft for the Lound area Neighbourhood Plan. The examinations were conducted via written representations during the end of 2021 and the start of 2022. The Examiners decided that public hearings would not be required.

1.5. 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.

1.6. The deadline for this report was before the meeting of July Planning Committee and so any comments from that Planning Committee will be relayed verbally at the Broads Authority meeting.

2. The Examiners' Reports

2.1. Both reports concluded that, subject to amendments (as set out in the report), the Plan under examination can proceed to referendum. The Examiners also concluded that the area of the referendum does not need to be extended beyond the two Neighbourhood Areas. The changes proposed by the Examiner seem reasonable and are useful. The two reports are here:

- [Fleggburgh Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Report](#)
- [Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Examiner's Report](#)

3. Referendum

3.1. The referendum for the Fleggburgh Neighbourhood Plan was held on 16 June 2022. Here are the results:

- Yes 198
- No 28
- Total valid votes 226

3.2. The referenda for the Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan was held on 23 June 2022. Here are the results:

- Yes 193

- No 17
- Total valid votes 210

4. Next steps

- 4.1. If both the Broads Authority and Great Yarmouth Borough Council (for Fleggburgh) and East Suffolk Council (for Lound area) make (adopt) the two Neighbourhood Plans, they become part of the Development Plan for the area. The polices have the same weight as Local Plan policies when making decisions.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Broads Authority adopt the Fleggburgh Neighbourhood Plan and the Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan.

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