

Broads Authority

28 July 2023

Agenda item number 15

Hemsby Neighbourhood Plan – Making/Adoption

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Purpose

The Hemsby Neighbourhood Plan has been examined. The Examiner made some changes to the Plan. The Plan was subject to a referendum on 22 June 2023 and over 50% of those who voted supported the Neighbourhood Plan.

Recommended decision

To endorse the result of the referendum, so that the Broads Authority makes/adopts the Hemsby Neighbourhood Plan.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The submitted Hemsby Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Broads Authority's [Planning Committee in September 2022](#). This was followed by a statutory publication period between 27 September 2022 and 08 November 2022, 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 different organisations/individuals. The representations may be viewed via the following [link](#).
- 1.3. These representations were submitted, along with the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting information, to the independent Examiner Tony Burton CBE BA MPhil (Town Planning) FRIBA FRSA. The examination was conducted via written representations during early 2023, 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 Hemsby 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 Hemsby.

3. Referendum

- 3.1. The [referendum for the Hemsby Neighbourhood Plan](#) was held on 22 June 2023. The results are as follows:

HEMSBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REFERENDUM

THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2023

DECLARATION OF RESULT

1. Total number of ballot papers	347
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Answer	No of votes
YES	279
NO	68
2.Total valid votes	347

4. Planning Committee comments

- 4.1. The deadline for this report was before the July Planning Committee and so any comments made at that Planning Committee will be reported verbally to Broads Authority.

5. Next steps

- 5.1. If both the Broads Authority and Great Yarmouth Borough 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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