

Planning Committee

2 May 2025

Agenda item number 10

Belton with Browston, Burgh Castle and Fritton with St Olaves Neighbourhood Plan- Adoption

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Purpose

The Belton with Browston, Burgh Castle and Fritton with St Olaves Neighbourhood Plan (Belton etc Neighbourhood Plan) has been examined. The Examiner made some changes to the Plan. The Plan was subject to a referendum on 27 March 2025 and 79% of votes supported the plan.

Recommended decision

That Planning Committee endorse the Belton etc Neighbourhood Plan and recommend that Broads Authority make/adopt the Plan.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The submitted Belton etc Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Broads Authority's Planning Committee in May 2024. This was followed by a statutory publication period between Friday 24th May 2024 and Friday 5th July 2024, in which the Plan and its supporting documents were available to the public and consultation bodies online at [Belton with Browston, Burgh Castle and Fritton with St Olaves Neighbourhood Plan status - Great Yarmouth Borough Council](#).
- 1.2. During the publication period, representations were received from various organisations/individuals and may be viewed at [Representations on the Belton with Browston, Burgh Castle and Fritton with St Olaves Neighbourhood Plan - Great Yarmouth Borough Council documentation](#).
- 1.3. These representations were submitted, along with the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting information, to the independent Examiner, Ann Skippers. The examination was conducted via written representations during late 2024 and early 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 rights.

2. The Examiner's Report

- 2.1. The [Examiner's Report on the Belton with Browston, Burgh Castle and Fritton with St Olaves 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 Belton with Browston, Burgh Castle and Fritton with St Olaves.

3. Referendum

- 3.1. The referendum for the Belton etc Neighbourhood Plan was held on 27 March 2025. As more than 50% voted in favour of the Plan, it is recommended that the Belton with Browston, Burgh Castle and Fritton with St Olaves Neighbourhood Plan be made/adopted by the Broads Authority.
 - 526 Valid votes
 - Yes 417
 - No 109
 - Pass by 79% majority of those that voted.

4. Next steps

- 4.1. 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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