

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Overton Neighbourhood Plan

Decision Statement Published pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 Schedule 38A(9) and Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

1. Summary

In accordance with the above regulations, and following a positive referendum result, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) made the Overton Neighbourhood Plan on 21 July 2016. The Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

2. Background

In July 2013, BDBC designated the Overton Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The plan area covers the parish of Overton and lies solely within the Basingstoke and Deane Local Planning Authority Area. Overton Parish Council, the qualifying body, submitted the draft Overton Neighbourhood Plan (ONP) and supporting documents to BDBC in August 2015.

Following submission of the ONP, BDBC publicised the Plan and supporting documents and invited representations during the consultation period which ran from September to October 2015. The council, with the consent of Overton Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Mr Nigel McGurk, to review the Plan and consider whether it should proceed to referendum.

The Examiner's Report was received in December 2015 and recommended that, subject to a number of proposed modifications, the Plan should proceed to referendum. The modifications were required to ensure that the Plan meets the basic conditions set out in the legislation (Para 8(2) Schedule 4B Town and Country Planning Act 1990).

3. Decision and Reasons for the Decision

Paragraph 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the Council to make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting in a referendum have voted in favour of the Plan being used to help to decide planning applications in the area.

A local referendum was held in Overton on 23 June 2016 to decide whether the local community were in favour of the ONP. From the votes recorded, 1,293 out of 2,442 (53%) of those who voted were in favour of the plan. The turnout of electors was 71%.

The Council has also assessed and concluded that the plan, including its preparation, does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). As such, the council decided the following, at the Full Council meeting on the 21 July 2016:

‘to make the Overton Neighbourhood Plan with immediate effect, with the consequence that it becomes part of the statutory development plan for Basingstoke and Deane Borough’.

This decision statement can be viewed on the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council website at: <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/ONP>

Hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) Report: Adoption Statement is available for inspection or purchase from the Council’s Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 4AH (weekdays 8.30 to 5.00, Monday to Thursday, and 4.30 pm Fridays. Hard copies are also available to view at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre, Festival Place Shopping Centre, Basingstoke, RG21 7LS (8.30-6.30 Mon-Fri and 8.30 - 4.30 Sat.) and Overton Library, High Street, Overton, Basingstoke RG25 3HB (9.00-1.00 Tues, 1.00-7.00 Thurs, 9.30-1.00 Sat.).

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