

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan

Decision Statement

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

1. Summary

In accordance with the above regulations, and following a positive referendum result, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) made the Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan (2011-2029) on 22 March 2018. The Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the statutory Development Plan for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

2. Background

On 22 March 2013, BDBC designated the Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan. The neighbourhood area was then amended on 10 August 2015 to reflect the revised parish boundary for Sherfield on Loddon. The plan area covers the parish of Sherfield on Loddon and lies solely within the Basingstoke and Deane Local Planning Authority Area. Sherfield on Loddon Parish Council, the qualifying body, submitted the draft Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents to BDBC on 10 August 2017.

Following submission of the Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan, BDBC publicised the Plan and supporting documents and invited representations during the consultation period which ran from 4 September 2017 to 16 October 2017. BDBC, with the consent of Sherfield on Loddon Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Ms Janet Cheesley, to review the Plan and consider whether it should proceed to referendum.

The Examiner's Report was received on 14 November 2017 and recommended that, subject to a number of proposed modifications, the Plan should proceed to referendum. The modifications are 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). The examiner also recommended that the area for the referendum be based on the designated neighbourhood area which the Plan relates to.

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 Sherfield on Loddon on 20 February 2018 to decide whether the local community were in favour of the Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan. From the votes recorded, 366 out of 393 (93%) of those who voted were in favour of the plan. The turnout of electors was 32%.

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 22 March 2018 to:

‘make the Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Development Plan with immediate effect’

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

Hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan are 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 and Chineham Library during their normal opening times.

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