

# Broads Authority

26 July 2024

Agenda item number 15

## Thorpe St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan Adoption

Report by Planning Policy Officer

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### Purpose

The Thorpe St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan has been examined and subsequently subject to a referendum on 2 May 2024. The Plan is now ready to be made/adopted.

### Recommended decision

It is recommended that the Thorpe St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan be made/adopted.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The submitted Thorpe St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan was approved for public consultation by the Broads Authority's Planning Committee in May 2023. This was followed by a statutory publication period between in summer 23, ending on 21 August 2023, in which the Plan and its supporting documents were available to the public and consultation bodies: [Thorpe St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan – Broadland \(southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk\)](https://southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/thorpe-st-andrew-neighbourhood-plan-broadland).
- 1.2. During the publication period, representations were received from many different organisations/individuals. The representations may be viewed, together with the late representations: [Thorpe St Andrew NP Reg 16 Consultee Response Summaries \(southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk\)](https://southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/thorpe-st-andrew-np-reg-16-consultee-response-summaries).
- 1.3. These representations were submitted, along with the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting information, to the independent Examiner, Andrew Ashcroft. The examination was conducted via written representations during the end of 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 Thorpe St Andrew 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 Thorpe St Andrew.

## 3. Referendum

- 3.1. The referendum for the Thorpe St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan was held on Thursday 2 May 2024. The results were: 87% vote in favour; 24.7% turnout.

## 4. Planning Committee

- 4.1. At June 2024 Planning Committee, the Thorpe St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan was recommended for adoption/being made.

## 5. Next steps

- 5.1. If both the Broads Authority and Broadland Council make/adopt the Neighbourhood Plan, it becomes part of the Development Plan for the area. Its policies have the same weight as Local Plan policies when making decisions.

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