

Broads Authority

29 November 2024

Agenda item number 16

Reedham Neighbourhood Plan- Adoption

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Purpose

The Reedham Neighbourhood Plan has been examined and subsequently subject to a referendum on 12 September 2024. The Plan is now ready to be made/adopted.

Recommended decision

It is recommended that the Reedham Neighbourhood Plan be made/adopted.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The submitted Reedham Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Broads Authority's Planning Committee in October 2023. This was followed by a statutory publication period between Wednesday 18th October to Wednesday 29th November, in which the Plan and its supporting documents were available to the public and consultation bodies online at [Reedham Neighbourhood Plan](#).
- 1.2. During the publication period, representations were received from various organisations/individuals. The representations may be viewed, together with the late representations, via the following links: [Reedham Neighbourhood Plan](#).
- 1.3. These representations were submitted, along with the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting information, to the independent Examiner, Mr Andrew Ashcroft. The examination was conducted via written representations during late 2023/early 2024 (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 Reedham 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 Reedham.

3. Referendum

- 3.1. The referendum for the Reedham Neighbourhood Plan was held on Thursday 12 September 2024. More than 50% voted in favour of the Plan.

4. Planning Committee

- 4.1. At September 2024 Planning Committee, the Reedham 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. The policies have the same weight as Local Plan policies when making decisions.

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