

**Horsham District Council Local Planning
Authority West Chiltington Neighbourhood
Development Plan 2031**

**The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as
amended) Regulation 19 and 20: Decision on a Plan Proposal
and Publicising a Neighbourhood Development Plan**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1** Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Horsham District Council has a statutory duty to support Parish Councils and Qualifying Bodies in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP's) and Orders and to take Neighbourhood Plans and Orders through a process of examination and referendum. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 chapter 3) sets out the Council's responsibilities under Neighbourhood Planning.

2.0 Background

- 2.1** The Neighbourhood Plan Area for West Chiltington covers the whole of the Parish of West Chiltington. The Parish was designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on the 23 December 2015 by Horsham Council. The area of West Chiltington Parish relating to South Downs National Park Authority was approved on 17 February 2014.
- 2.2** The Pre-Submission West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan underwent consultation under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, from 25 November and 17 January 2020. The Pre-Submission Plan was amended in response to the comments made during the consultation and the "Submission Plan" was then formally submitted to the District Council. The Council, in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, undertook a further consultation of the Submission Plan. Representations were invited between 18 October 2024 to 6 December 2024.
- 2.3** Andrew Ashcroft was appointed by the Council with the consent of West Chiltington Parish Council, to undertake the Examination of the submission West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan and to prepare a report of the independent examination.

- 2.4** The Examiner's Report was completed and sent to Horsham District Council on the 11 February 2026. The Examiner concluded that with a number of modifications the Submission West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan would meet the Basic Conditions and could proceed to Referendum on that basis. Following agreement with the parish council it was agreed to take the plan forward to referendum.
- 2.5** On 11 June 2026, the West Chiltington Neighbourhood Development Plan to 2031 successfully passed Referendum with 90.80% of the votes cast agreeing that the West Chiltington Neighbourhood Development Plan be used by Horsham District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority to help in the determination of planning applications in the Parish of West Chiltington (turnout at the Referendum was 30.52%).
- 2.6** On 24 June 2026, Horsham District Council resolved at Cabinet that the West Chiltington Parish Neighbourhood Plan to 2031, (incorporating the Examiners modifications and all modifications as per the HDC Decision Statement), should be 'made' and become part of the Development Plan for Horsham District Council for the Parish of West Chiltington.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1** It is therefore confirmed that the West Chiltington Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan to 2031, (incorporating Examiner's modifications as set out in the Horsham District Council Decision Statement), complies with the legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011. As a result of the Council resolution of 24 June 2026 the West Chiltington Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan 2031 has been 'made' with effect 24 June 2026.
- 3.2** In accordance with Regulation 20 of the 2012 Regulations, the West Chiltington Parish Neighbourhood Plan is available to view on the Council's website and on the Parish Council's website. In addition, hard copies are available upon request to view at the Horsham District Council Offices, Alberty House, Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2GB. Horsham District Council has also notified all persons who requested to be notified of the making of the plan and where it can be inspected.