



## **Horsham District Council Local Planning Authority**

### **Thakeham 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 Thakeham covers the whole of the Parish of Thakeham. The Parish was designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on the 19 December 2013.

2.2 The Pre-Submission Thakeham Neighbourhood Plan underwent consultation under Regulation 14 from 12 January 2015 to 6 March 2015. Thakeham Parish Council then submitted the draft Thakeham Neighbourhood Plan to the Council. In accordance with Regulation 16 the submission version of the Thakeham Parish Neighbourhood Plan to 2031 was publicised between 30 October 2015 and 11 December 2015 and representations invited.

2.3 John Mattocks was appointed by the Council with the consent of Thakeham Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the draft Thakeham Neighbourhood Plan and to prepare a report of the independent examination. The Examiner's Report was formally completed and sent to Horsham District Council on the 23 November 2016.

- 2.4 On 7 February 2017, Horsham District Council resolved that, the Thakeham Submission Plan (incorporating the Examiner's modifications as set out in the Horsham District Council Decision Statement) should proceed to Referendum. The Decision Statement, which includes all the agreed modifications was published on the Horsham District website and was sent out to the qualifying body and any persons who asked to be notified of the decision on the 24 Feb 2017.
- 2.5 On 22 March 2017, the Thakeham Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan to 2031 successfully passed referendum with 92.6% of the votes cast agreeing that the 'Thakeham Parish Neighbourhood Plan to 2031' be used by Horsham District Council for the determination of planning applications in the Parish of Thakeham.
- 2.6 On 26 April 2017, Horsham District Council resolved that that Thakeham 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 Thakeham.

### **3.0 Conclusion**

- 3.1 It is therefore confirmed that the Thakeham 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 26 April 2017 the plan has been 'made'.
- 3.2 In accordance with Regulation 20 of the 2012 Regulations, the Thakeham Parish Neighbourhood Plan is available to view on the Council's website. In addition, hard copies are available upon request to view at Thakeham Parish Council offices and at the Horsham District Council Offices, Parkside, Chart Way, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1RL. 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.