

Horsham District Council Local Planning Authority

Woodmancote 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 Woodmancote covers the whole of the Parish of Woodmancote. The Parish was designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on the on the 17 February 2014 by South Downs National Park Authority followed by Horsham Council on the 25 February 2014.
- 2.2 The Pre-Submission Woodmancote Neighbourhood Plan underwent consultation under Regulation 14 from 22 Feb 2016 to 3 April 2016. Woodmancote Parish Council then submitted the draft Woodmancote Neighbourhood Plan to the Council. In accordance with Regulation 16 the submission version of the Woodmancote Parish Neighbourhood Plan to 2031 was publicised between 9 September and 26 October 2016 and representations invited.
- 2.3 John Slater was appointed by the Council with the consent of Woodmancote Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the draft Woodmancote 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 30 January 2017.

- 2.4 On 6 March 2017, Horsham District Council resolved that, the Woodmancote 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.
- 2.5 On 4 May 2017, the Woodmancote Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan to 2031 successfully passed referendum with 46% turnout with 93% of the votes cast agreeing that the Woodmancote Neighbourhood Plan to 2031 be used by Horsham District Council for the determination of planning applications in the Parish of Woodmancote.
- 2.6 On 21 June 2017, Horsham District Council resolved that that Woodmancote 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 Woodmancote.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 It is therefore confirmed, that the Woodmancote 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 21 June 2017 has been 'made' with effect 22 June 2017.
- 3.2 In accordance with Regulation 20 of the 2012 Regulations, the Woodmancote 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, 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.