

## Horsham District Council Local Planning Authority Warnham Neighbourhood Development Plan to 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 Warnham covers the whole of the Parish of Warnham. The Parish was designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on the 25 February 2014 by Horsham Council.
- 2.2 The Pre-Submission Warnham Neighbourhood Plan underwent consultation under Regulation 14 from 17 March 2018 to 30 April 2018. Warnham Parish Council then submitted the draft Warnham Neighbourhood Plan to the Council on 26 July 2018. In accordance with Regulation 16 the submission version of the Warnham Parish Neighbourhood Plan to 2031 was publicised for consultation between 17 August and 12 October 2018.
- **2.3** Jeremy Edge was appointed by the Council with the consent of Warnham Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the submission Warnham 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 9 March 2018. The Examiner concluded with modifications the Submission Warnham Neighbourhood Plan would meet the Basic Conditions and proceed to Referendum on

that basis.

- 2.5 The Council, as the Local Planning Authority, is responsible for deciding what action to take in response to recommendations made in the Examiner's report. After considering the Examiner's recommendations the Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, decided to accept all modifications put forward by the Examiner. The decision statement was published on the 12 April 2019, and informed stakeholders and the wider public that the plan (incorporating all the Examiner's modifications) would proceed to referendum.
- 2.6 On 13 June 2019, the Warnham Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan to 2031 successfully passed referendum with 34% turnout seeing 76% of the votes cast agreeing that the Warnham Neighbourhood Plan to 2031 be used by Horsham District Council for the determination of planning applications in the Parish of Warnham.
- 2.7 On 26 June 2019 2018, Horsham District Council resolved at Full Council that Warnham 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 Warnham.

## 3.0 Conclusion

- **3.1** It is therefore confirmed, that the Warnham 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, the Warnham Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan to 2031 has been 'made' with effect 27 June 2019.
- **3.2** In accordance with Regulation 20 of the 2012 Regulations, the Warnham Parish Neighbourhood Plan is available to view on the Council's <u>website</u> 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.