



Rutland County Council
Decision Statement
Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following a positive referendum result Rutland County Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the Uppingham Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of Rutland County Council's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

2. Background

- 2.1 In September 2012, Uppingham Town Council, as the qualifying body, submitted proposals to Rutland County Council to designate the boundary of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Area.
- 2.2 The plan area designated covers the whole of Uppingham Parish and Parts of Ayston Parish as shown on the map identifying the designated area.
- 2.3 The neighbourhood area application was approved by Rutland County Council (the Council) on the 26th November 2012 in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 2.4 Following the submission of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the First Draft Plan was publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 26 July 2013.
- 2.5 A revised Second Draft Plan was subsequently publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 19 December 2013.
- 2.6 The final draft neighbourhood plan was submitted to Rutland County Council in December 2013. A final 6-week stage of publicity and consultation was undertaken over a 6-week period up to 10 March 2014 to determine if there are any unresolved objections to the plan.
- 2.7 The Council, with the agreement of Uppingham Town Council, appointed an independent examiner to review whether the plan met the "Basic Conditions" required by legislation and proceed to referendum.
- 2.8 The Examiner's Report was published in May 2014. This concluded that the plan met the basic conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in his report the plan should proceed to a referendum.

- 2.9 The modifications agreed to the neighbourhood plan made by Rutland County Council under delegated authority are set out in the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement published on 29 May 2014.

3. Decisions and Reasons

- 3.1 With the Examiner's recommended modifications the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, is compatible with EU obligations and the Convention rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Section 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended.
- 3.2 A local referendum was held in Uppingham on 10th July 2014 to decide whether the local community were in favour of the UNP. From the votes recorded, 741 out of 805 (92%) of those who voted were in favour of the plan. The turnout of electors was 25.9%.
- 3.3 Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended requires that the County Council must 'make' the neighbourhood plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan.
- 3.4 Rutland County Council has assessed that the plan, including its preparation, does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
- 3.5 In accordance with the Regulations, Uppingham Neighbourhood Development Plan is 'made' and planning applications in the parish must be considered against the Uppingham Neighbourhood Development Plan, as well as existing planning policy, such as the County Council's Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD), the Site Allocations & Policies DPD and the National Planning Policy Framework.

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