



Stradbroke Neighbourhood Plan - Decision Statement

Mid Suffolk District Council's Cabinet committee resolved at its meeting on 10 December 2018 that the Stradbroke Neighbourhood Development Plan should proceed to a local referendum.

The local referendum will be held on Thursday 31 January 2019.

Background

The Stradbroke Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The key stages are set out below:

- In September 2014, designation of the whole parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area by the District Council. This enabled the Parish Council as a 'qualifying body' to prepare its Plan.
- In March 2018, publication of the 'Pre-submission' draft Neighbourhood Plan for a minimum six-week public consultation period.
- In April 2018, formal submission of the Plan to the District Council, which was checked for compliance with the relevant legal requirements prior to a further six week public consultation period running between 19 April and 1 June 2018.
- In Autumn 2018, independent examination of the Plan by Janet Cheesley BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI.
- On 19 October 2018, publication of the Examiner's Report which concluded that ... subject to modification to ensure that it complies with the 'Basic Conditions' the Stradbroke Neighbourhood Plan would provide a strong practical framework against which decisions on development can be made.

The 'Basic Conditions' are set out in Paragraph 8(2), Schedule 4B the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990. In order to satisfy them a Plan must:

- have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the Development Plan for the area;
- contribute to the achievement of sustainable development; and
- not breach, and be otherwise compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements.

Regulation 32 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) also prescribes the following basic condition - *that the making of the neighbourhood plan should not have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.*

The Stradbroke Neighbourhood Plan was subject to an independent screening assessment. This concluded that the need for an Habitats Regulation Scoping Report was 'screened-out' and therefore, the making of the Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site. Following consultation with the statutory bodies, the Council issued its formal Determination Notice in March 2018.

Decision

That, the Stradbroke Neighbourhood Development Plan as modified to incorporate the Examiner's Recommendations, complies with the 'Basic Conditions' as set out in Paragraph 8(2), Schedule 4B the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 and should proceed to a local referendum.

Dated: Wednesday 19 December 2018