



Decision Statement: Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan

REGULATION 18 - THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 AND THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

SUMMARY

This Decision Statement confirms that, following an independent examination of the Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan, Mid Devon District Council accepts the examiner's recommendation that, subject to modifications, the plan can proceed to a Referendum.

The Decision Statement, Examiner's Report, submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents are available to view on the Mid Devon District Council website:

<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/cullompton-neighbourhood-plan/>

BACKGROUND

Cullompton Town Council as the qualifying body has prepared a neighbourhood plan for the parish of Cullompton with the help of the local community. The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally.

With the agreement of the qualifying body, Mid Devon District Council appointed an independent examiner to conduct the examination of the Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan. The examination is required to test whether the plan meets the basic conditions, and other matters set out in paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Examiner's report was received on 1st July 2020. In her report the Examiner recommended a number of modifications to policies within the Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan in order that the plan and its policies met the 'basic conditions'. Additional minor modifications were also recommended to improve clarity. Full details of the 'basic conditions' against which the plan was examined, the recommended modifications and reasons for these can be found in the Examiner's Report.

The report concluded that, subject to the recommended modifications, the Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions and could proceed to a Referendum.

COUNCIL'S DECISION

As required under paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Mid Devon District Council must consider each of the examiner's recommendations and the reasons for them and decide what action to take in response to each.

Having considered the Examiner's report, the Council accepts the recommended modifications and the reasons given for these.

The Council considers that the Plan, as modified, meets the basic conditions as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and that the Plan complies with provisions made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Accordingly, the Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan, incorporating the Examiner's recommended modifications, may proceed to a Referendum.

A referendum will be held as soon as reasonably practicable following the publication of this decision statement. Please note, all neighbourhood planning referendums are postponed until 6th May 2021, in line with the Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

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