

Winchester City Council

Denmead Neighbourhood Plan

Final Decision Statement

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following the result of the referendum held on 5 March 2015, Winchester City Council 'made' the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan part of the Winchester District Development Plan as its Council meeting on 1 April 2015.
- 1.2 In accordance with the examiner's recommendation published on 18 December 2014, the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan proceeded to a referendum based on the Denmead Neighbourhood Area as approved by Winchester City Council on 17 September 2012.
- 1.3 The Final Decision Statement, Result of Poll, and a copy of the 'made' Denmead Neighbourhood Plan, along with other documents such as the Examiner's Report and can be inspected on the City Council's website at www.winchester.gov.uk. Copies are also available for inspection at the council offices of, Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ (Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.00pm and Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm) and Denmead Parish Council, The Old School, School Lane, Denmead, Waterlooville, PO7 6LU (Monday to Friday 9.30am-4.30pm).

2. Background

- 2.1 In August 2011 the Department for Communities and Local Government accepted and agreed an application by Winchester City Council on behalf of Denmead Parish Council, to be a Neighbourhood Planning Front Runner.
- 2.2 On 17 September 2012, Winchester City Council designated the Denmead Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The plan area covers the parish of Denmead with the exception of that part which lies within the administrative area of the South Downs National Park Authority and the part that lies within the West of Waterlooville strategic housing development area.
- 2.3 Following the submission of the Denmead Neighbourhood Development Plan by Denmead Parish Council to the City Council, the plan and its supporting documents was publicised and representations were invited. The period for representations ran from Monday 29 September to 5pm on Tuesday 11 November 2014.
- 2.4 Winchester City Council, in consultation with Denmead Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Mr Christopher Collison, to examine the Plan and review whether the Plan should proceed to referendum.

2.5 The Examiner's report was received on 18 December 2014. The Examiner concluded that subject to making the modifications recommended in his report, the Plan meets the basic conditions set out in the legislation and is compatible with Convention Rights as set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. He also recommended that the Plan should proceed to referendum and that the area for the referendum should be based on the neighbourhood area to which the plan relates.

2.6 At its meeting on 14 January 2015, the Council's Cabinet (CAB2641), agreed to modify the plan as recommended by the Examiner and to proceed to referendum based on the neighbourhood area defined by the Council on 17 September 2012.

3. Decision and Reasons

3.1 A referendum asking '**Do you want "Do you want Winchester City Council to use the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan for the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan Area to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"**', was held in the parish of Denmead on Thursday 5 March 2015.

3.2 The results of the referendum was:

Yes = 1546

No = 785

Number of Votes = 2331

Number of spoilt papers = 6

Turnout = 41.45%

3.3 Following the outcome of the referendum and the Council's decision on 1 April 2015, the Denmead Neighbourhood plan was made on 1 April 2015.

3.4 Planning applications within the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan area will now be determined against the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework, Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 and Winchester District Local Plan Review, until this is replaced by the Winchester District Local Plan Part 2.

Signed:



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