



Newick Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Regulation 19 Decision on a plan proposal – Decision Statement

Report prepared by James Garside – Lewes District Council Neighbourhood Planning Officer

1. Introduction

1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Lewes District Council has a statutory duty to support and advise communities in the preparation of neighbourhood development plans and to take such plans through the process of examination, referendum and adoption. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 chapter 3) sets out the Local Planning Authority's responsibilities under Neighbourhood Planning.

1.2 This statement confirms that at the Full Council meeting on 16 July 2015, Lewes District Council formally adopted ('made') the Newick Neighbourhood Development Plan. This means that the Newick Neighbourhood Plan has now been brought into legal force, forming part of the statutory development plan for Lewes District. Consequently, the Plan will be used when determining planning applications in the Newick Neighbourhood Area, which covers the entire parish.

2. Background

2.1 The Newick Neighbourhood Area, covering the entire Parish, was designated by Lewes District Council on 1st October 2012¹. This area lies solely within the Lewes District Local Planning Authority Area.

2.2 The Newick Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Lewes District Council in August 2014. The Regulation 16 consultation took place between the 1st September and 13th October 2014 whereby the Plan was publicised and representations were invited on the Plan.

2.3 Mr Nigel McGurk was appointed by Lewes District Council, with the consent of the Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the Newick Neighbourhood Development Plan and to prepare a report of the independent examination.

2.4 The Examiner's Report concluded that subject to a series of modifications, the Plan met the basic conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum. Modifications were made to the neighbourhood plan, in line with the Examiner's recommendations,

¹ http://www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/plan_Newick_Designation_Notice.pdf

and a Decision Statement was published in January 2015² confirming that the District Council is satisfied the Plan meets the basic conditions and can proceed to a referendum.

2.5 A successful referendum on the Newick Neighbourhood Plan was held on 26 February 2015 in Newick Parish, whereby almost 90% of those who voted did so in favour of the neighbourhood plan becoming part of the statutory development plan for the district.

2.6 On 16 July 2015 Lewes District Council formally adopted ('made') the Newick Neighbourhood Development Plan (incorporating the modifications as set out in the Decision Statement) as part of the statutory development plan for the district.

2.7 Lewes District Council will continue to progress the Joint Core Strategy, the strategic plan which sets the context for the Newick Neighbourhood Plan, towards adoption.

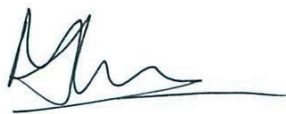
3. Conclusion

3.1 I confirm that the Newick Neighbourhood Plan "Newick Now to 2030" (incorporating the modifications as set out in the Decision Statement), complies with the statutory and legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011, and following the Full Council of 16 July has been 'made'.

3.2 Therefore, the Newick Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for Lewes District and will be used to determine planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area (the entire parish of Newick) as defined on 1 October 2012³ with immediate effect.

3.3 I am taking the above mentioned decision as I concur with the advice contained in the above report under the 1990 Act in relation to the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

3.4 I declare that I have no personal or prejudicial interest in respect of this decision.



Signed.....

Nazeya Hussain

Director of Business Strategy and Development

Date – 22 July 2015



Signed.....

Councillor Tom Jones

Portfolio Holder for Planning

Date – 22 July 2015

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