



**Wivelsfield Neighbourhood Development Plan**

**The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

**Regulation 19 Decision on a plan proposal – Decision Statement**

**Report prepared by Estelle Maisonnial – 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 7 December 2016, Lewes District Council formally adopted ('made') the Wivelsfield Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Wivelsfield Neighbourhood Plan has now been brought into legal force, forming part of the statutory development plan for Lewes District. Consequently, the Plan will now be used when determining planning applications in the Hamsey Neighbourhood Area, which covers the entire parish.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Wivelsfield Neighbourhood Area, covering the entire Parish, was designated by Lewes District Council in July 2013<sup>1</sup>.

2.2 The Wivelsfield Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Lewes District Council in January 2016. The Regulation 16 consultation took place between February and March 2016 whereby the Plan was publicised and representations were invited on the Plan.

2.3 Mr Jeremy Edge was appointed by Lewes District Council, with the consent of the Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the Wivelsfield 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,

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/plan\\_wiv\\_notice.pdf](http://www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/plan_wiv_notice.pdf)

and a Decision Statement was published in September 2016<sup>2</sup> 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 Wivelsfield Neighbourhood Plan was held on 27 October 2016 in Wivelsfield Parish, whereby over 96% 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 7 December 2016, Lewes District Council formally adopted ('made') the Wivelsfield 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 adopted the Joint Core Strategy on 11 May 2016. The Joint Core Strategy is the strategic plan which sets the context for the Wivelsfield Neighbourhood Plan.

### 3. Conclusion

3.1 I confirm that the Wivelsfield Neighbourhood Plan (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 7 December 2016 has been 'made'.

3.2 Therefore, the Wivelsfield 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 Wivelsfield) as defined on 1 October 2012<sup>3</sup> 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 Regeneration and Planning**

**Date – 8 December 2016**



Signed.....

**Councillor Tom Jones**

**Lead Member for Planning**

**Date – 8 December 2016**

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/plan\\_Wivelsfield\\_Neighbourhood\\_Plan\\_Decision\\_Statement\\_september\\_2016.pdf](http://www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/plan_Wivelsfield_Neighbourhood_Plan_Decision_Statement_september_2016.pdf)

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