



Lewes District Council

Chailey Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Regulation 19 Decision Statement

9th June 2021

Section 38A of The Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lewes District Council (LDC) has decided to 'make' (adopt) the Chailey Parish Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) under 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The Plan now forms part of the adopted Development Plan.

Reason for this Decision

The Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions and has complied with legal and procedural requirements. Paragraph 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the Authority to make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting in the referendum upon the plan have voted in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the area. 82.5% of those voting in the Chailey Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan referendum on 6th May 2021 voted in favour of the plan. Following this outcome, on 27th May 2021 Lewes District Council Full Council granted approval for the Plan to be made.

A copy of this decision statement is being sent to:

- The qualifying body, namely Chailey Parish Council; and
- To any person who asked to be notified of the decision.

This statement, the made Plan and other associated documents are available for inspection at <https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/>. It is also available at Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, BN7 1AB (by appointment and subject to Covid-19 restrictions).

For more information, please contact the Planning Policy team via ldf@lewes.gov.uk.

Background Information

In 2015, Lewes District Council received an application from Chailey Parish Council to designate the entire parish of Chailey as a neighbourhood area. Following public consultation, Lewes District Council designated the Chailey Parish as a neighbourhood area on 17th March 2015.

Chailey Parish Council prepared the Neighbourhood Plan with the benefit of extensive community input between 2016 and 2019, culminating in the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan for examination in February 2020. The independent examiner determined that the Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions and other statutory requirements as set out in paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), and subject to the modification proposed, recommended that the Neighbourhood Plan proceed to referendum. This outcome was set out in the Examiner's Report received in July 2020.

The Chailey Neighbourhood Plan was amended in line with the examiner's recommended modifications. The actions taken in response to the recommendations of the examiner are detailed in a Decision Statement along with the modifications recommended by the Examiner. This was published in March 2020 confirming that the local authority was satisfied that the Plan met the basic conditions and could proceed to referendum.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the referendum was delayed until 6th May 2021. The Chailey Neighbourhood Plan was successful at referendum. There was a 43.3% turnout for the referendum with 82.5% voting to support the plan and 17.5% voting against the plan. The Chailey Neighbourhood Plan was made by Lewes District Council's Full Council on 27th May 2021.