



Hamsey Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Regulation 19 Decision on a plan proposal - Decision Statement

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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 21 July 2016, Lewes District Council formally adopted ('made') the Hamsey Neighbourhood Development Plan. This follows the making of the Plan by the South Downs National Park Authority on 14 July 2016. Following adoption by both planning authorities, the Hamsey 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 Hamsey Neighbourhood Area, covering the entire Parish, was designated by Lewes District Council in October 2012¹. This area lies within both the Lewes District and South Downs National Park Authority areas.

2.2 The Hamsey Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Lewes District Council in September 2015. The Regulation 16 consultation took place between November 2015 and January 2016 whereby the Plan was publicised and representations were invited on the Plan.

2.3 Mr John Parmiter was appointed by Lewes District Council, with the consent of the Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the Hamsey 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_Hamsey_Decision_Notice.pdf

and a Decision Statement was published in April 2016² 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 Hamsey Neighbourhood Plan was held on 2 June 2016 in Hamsey Parish, whereby over 78% 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 21 July 2016, Lewes District Council formally adopted ('made') the Hamsey Neighbourhood Development Plan (incorporating the modifications as set out in the Decision Statement) as part of the statutory development plan for the district. This followed the South Downs National Park making the Plan on 14 July 2016 at their Planning Committee Meeting.

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 Hamsey Neighbourhood Plan. The South Downs National Park Authority is also in the process of preparing their own Local Plan which will eventually replace the Joint Core Strategy in the areas of the district that lie within the National Park.

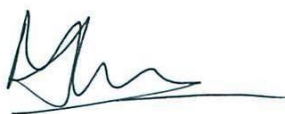
3. Conclusion

3.1 I confirm that the Hamsey 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 21 July 2016 has been 'made'.

3.2 Therefore, the Hamsey 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 Hamsey) 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 – 21 July 2016



Signed.....

Councillor Tom Jones

Lead Member for Planning

Date – 21 July 2016

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