

Decision Statement

Regulation 18(2)

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Background

Blaby District Council approved the application for the Parish of Blaby to be designated as a neighbourhood area at Council in February 2014 to enable the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. Blaby Parish Council subsequently commenced preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, involving consultation with the local community.

The Blaby Neighbourhood Plan submission version was then submitted to Blaby District Council who undertook the statutory consultation in accordance with Regulation 16 between 27 April and 8 June 2017.

The District Council, with the agreement of Blaby Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Janet Cheesley, to undertake an examination into the Blaby Neighbourhood Plan. The examination was carried out by written representations and the examiner's report into the Blaby Neighbourhood Plan was issued on 6 November 2017.

The Examiner recommended a number of modifications are made to the Plan to ensure it meets the necessary basic conditions. The Examiner concluded in the report as follows:

" ... my overall conclusion is that, subject to my recommendations, the Plan meets the Basic Conditions. It is appropriate to make the Plan. Subject to my recommendations being accepted, I consider that the Blaby Neighbourhood Plan will provide a strong practical framework against which decisions on development can be made. I am pleased to recommend that the Blaby Neighbourhood Plan, as modified by my recommendations, should proceed to Referendum."

Decision

The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (2012), Regulation 18, requires the local planning authority to decide what action to take with the examiner's recommended modifications to the plan as set out in her report.

Blaby District Council at a Full Council meeting on Tuesday 12 December 2017 considered the Examiner's recommended modifications to the Plan and accepted all the proposed modifications in the Examiner's report. The reason for this decision is to ensure that the Blaby Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions, and will be a robust planning document.

Next steps

The Blaby Neighbourhood Plan will now be the subject of a Referendum in the designated Blaby Neighbourhood Area, the Parish of Blaby. The following question will be asked at the referendum, 'Do you want Blaby District Council to use the Blaby Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in the Blaby Neighbourhood Area?'

The date of the forthcoming Referendum will be announced imminently.