

Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement

Summary

1. Following a positive referendum result (on Thursday 23 November 2023), Blaby District Council is publicising its decision to 'Make' the Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan part of Blaby District's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Background

2. On 23 July 2018, Blaby District Council approved the Glenfield Neighbourhood Area to be designated in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Area covers the parish of Glenfield and Glenfield Parish Council is the Qualifying Body in accordance with the legislation.
3. Following the submission of the Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the Plan was publicised for a six-week period and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 14 March 2023.
4. Blaby District Council, with the agreement of Glenfield Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Dr Louise Brooke Smith OBE FRICS MRTPI, to assess whether the Plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and so should proceed to referendum.
5. The Examiner's Report concludes that, subject to making the modifications proposed by the examiner, the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Plan referendum. The modifications were accepted in full at a meeting of Council on 26 September 2023.

Decisions and Reasons

6. The referendum held on 23 November 2023 met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. Of the valid votes cast, 88.41% voted 'Yes' to the question: "Do you want Blaby District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Glenfield to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

7. The results of the referendum are shown below:

Table 1. Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan Result Breakdown

Description	Number
Ballot Papers Issued	1065
Number cast in favour of a 'Yes'	939
Number cast in favour of a 'No'	123

Table 2. Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan Rejected Ballot Breakdown

Reason for ballot papers being rejected	Number of ballot papers rejected
Want of an official mark	0
Voting for more answers than required	1
Writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
Being marked or wholly void for uncertainty	2
Total	3

Turnout was 13.01%.

8. Following the positive referendum outcome, the Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan was 'Made' by Blaby District Council (at a meeting of Council) on 28 November 2023.
9. It is considered that the Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; complies with the provision made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); and is compatible with EU obligations and Convention obligations (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
10. The Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for the Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan Area that consists of the parish of Glenfield. In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), the determination of planning applications in the Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan Area will need to be made in accordance with the development plan, being the Local Plan (Core Strategy) Development Plan Document (2013), Local Plan

(Delivery) Development Plan Document (2019) and the Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan (2023), unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Where to view this Decision Statement

11. The Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan and its related documents, along with this Decision Statement, can be accessed using the [Blaby District Council website](https://www.blaby.gov.uk/planning-and-building/guidance-and-policies/neighbourhood-planning/) (<https://www.blaby.gov.uk/planning-and-building/guidance-and-policies/neighbourhood-planning/>) or in person at:

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Blaby District Council Offices Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough Leicester LE19 2EP	Monday / Tuesday / Thursday: 9am – 5pm Wednesday: 9:30am – 5pm Friday: 9am – 4.30pm Contact: 0116 275 0555
Glenfield Library, Sandown Court, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8BT.	Monday: 2pm – 5pm. Wednesday: 10am – 1pm. Thursday: 2pm -- 5pm Friday: 2pm – 5pm. Saturday: 10am – 1pm. *Smart Users may also access the decision statement during smart opening hours. Contact: 0116 305 3591

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