

Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement

Summary

1. Blaby District Council is publicising its decision to 'make' the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan part of Blaby District's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Background

2. On 13 January 2016, Blaby District Council approved the Fosse Villages 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 parishes of: Aston Flamville, Croft, Huncote, Leicester Forest West, Potters Marston, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton, Thurlaston and Wigston Parva. Sapcote Parish Council is the Qualifying Body in accordance with the legislation, and the ten parishes have worked together to produce the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan, which was made in 2021.
3. Following the submission of an update to the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the updated Plan was publicised for a six-week period and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 28 July 2023.
4. Blaby District Council, with the agreement of Sapcote Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Dr Louise Brooke-Smith, to assess whether the updated Plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation, and whether a referendum was required.
5. The Examiner's Report concludes that, subject to making the modifications proposed by the Examiner, the updated Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in the legislation and that a referendum is not required as the update does not significantly change the nature of the Plan. The modifications were accepted in full, and the Plan was made at a meeting of Council on 30 January 2024.

Decisions and Reasons

6. 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).
7. Where material modifications do not change the nature of a neighbourhood plan (and the examiner finds that the proposal meets the basic conditions or would with further modifications) a referendum is not required. The Examiner for the updated Fosse Villages neighbourhood Plan is in agreement with Council Officers and the Qualifying Body (Sapcote Parish Council) that a referendum is not required.
8. The Plan now forms part of Blaby District's Development Plan for the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Area that consists of: Aston Flamville, Croft, Huncote, Leicester Forest West, Potters Marston, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton, Thurlaston and Wigston Parva. In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), the determination of planning applications in the Fosse Villages 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 Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan (2024), unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Where to view this Decision Statement

9. This Decision Statement can be viewed online at www.blaby.gov.uk and in person at: Blaby District Council, Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicestershire, LE19 2EP. For the latest office opening times, please visit the Council's website or telephone 0116 275 0555.

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