

**AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

WENDOVER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT FEBRUARY 2020

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following an Independent Examination and Referendum, Aylesbury Vale District Council now confirms that the Wendover Neighbourhood Plan (“the Plan”) forms part of the Development Plan and the policies in the Plan can therefore now be given full weight when assessing planning applications that affect land covered by the Plan.
- 1.2 This decision statement and the Plan can be viewed at:

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(Closed Saturday and Sunday)

2. Background

- 2.1 In July 2015 Wendover Parish Council, as the relevant body, applied for Wendover Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan. The Neighbourhood Area application was approved by Aylesbury Vale District Council (the Council) on 24 September 2015 in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 2.2 Following the Submission of the Plan to the Council in June 2019, the Plan was publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 12 August 2019.
- 2.3 The Council, with the agreement of Wendover Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Mr Andrew S Freeman, to review whether the Plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and should proceed to referendum.

2.4 The Examiner's Report concluded that, subject to making the modifications proposed by the Examiner, the Plan met the Basic Conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.

3. Decision and Reasons

3.1 On 22 November 2019 the Planning Policy Manager made the delegated decision for the Council to accept and act upon the Examiner's report and that the Wendover Neighbourhood Plan (as modified by the Examiner's Report) should proceed to referendum. The District Council made the modifications proposed by the Examiner to ensure that the draft plan met the Basic Conditions.

3.2 A referendum was held on 30 January 2020. The Wendover Neighbourhood Plan has been overwhelmingly noted in favour of being made by the people voting in Wendover and so the plan can proceed to being made as soon as possible. 93.1% of those voting voted 'Yes' and it was a 19.76% turnout.

3.3 On 20 February 2020 the Planning Policy Manager made the delegated decision, pursuant to section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to 'make' the Wendover Neighbourhood Plan as more than half of those voting voted in favour of the Plan. This decision statement, the Plan and details of where they can both be inspected have been published on our website at <https://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/wendover-neighbourhood-plan>. This information has also been brought to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area.