



Reach Neighbourhood Plan – Valid Submission

This statement has been produced by East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) to confirm that it considered the Reach Neighbourhood Plan (as submitted 9 June 2023) to be a valid submission and that it notified the Parish Council that it would proceed to examination (notification on 14 June 2023).

Background

The Reach Neighbourhood Plan Submission Draft Plan (dated May 2023 on its front cover) was received by ECDC on 9 June 2023.

Statutory requirements: Where a submitted Neighbourhood Plan meets the statutory requirements set out in paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Council should publicise the Plan for a minimum of 6 weeks; invite representations; notify any consultation body referred to in the consultation statement; and send the draft Neighbourhood Plan to independent examination. For reference, the statutory requirements are available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/10/enacted>.

Authorisation to prepare plan: In the case of the Reach Neighbourhood Plan, the plan was submitted by Reach Parish Council and applies to the designated Reach Neighbourhood Area. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is coterminous with the Reach Parish boundary, and does not include land within any other parish. As a parish council, Reach Parish Council is authorised to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the designated Reach Neighbourhood Area.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents: The submitted Neighbourhood Plan contains policies and proposals which apply to the designated Reach Neighbourhood Area. The submitted Plan is accompanied by a Basic Conditions Statement, Consultation Statement, map of the Neighbourhood Area, a SEA Determination Statement and accompanying Environmental Report, together with other supporting evidence documents.

The suite of documents appeared, at submission, complete and consistent with the requirements of national planning policy, guidance and legislation.

Planning permission and excluded development: The submitted Neighbourhood Plan sets out proposed planning policies which apply to the Reach Neighbourhood Area only. The submitted Neighbourhood Plan does not directly grant planning permission. If the plan is made, development proposals will continue to be subject to the planning application process.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not provide for the granting of planning permission for any development that is excluded development.

Conclusion: In conclusion, East Cambridgeshire District Council was satisfied that the submitted Reach Neighbourhood Plan complied with the statutory requirements. The Council therefore notified the Parish Council (on 14 June 2023) that it will therefore proceed to publish the plan for a period of not less than 6-weeks, starting from 22 June 2023, inviting representations during this time.

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