

Decision Statement – Alford Neighbourhood Development Plan

In accordance with Regulation 18 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, East Lindsey District Council has produced this 'Decision Statement' with regard to Alford Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANP), as submitted by Alford Town Council.

The ANP has been subject to independent examination and East Lindsey District Council confirms that the Plan will now proceed to referendum.

The Plan has been modified in line with the Inspector's recommendations and will proceed to a public referendum on Thursday 23rd May 2019.

The Plan, its background documents, the Inspector's Report and the decision statement can be viewed on the Council's website at <https://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/article/6130/Alford-Neighbourhood-Development-Plan>

Background

The Alford Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by a Steering Group on behalf of Alford Town Council. The Plan has been subject to consultation, by the Steering Group, throughout its preparation and was formally submitted to East Lindsey District Council on 29th May 2018 and was subject to a formal 6 week period of consultation from 15th August 2018 to 26th September 2018.

An independent Inspector was appointed on 1st November 2018 to carry out an examination of the Plan to ensure that it meets the Basic Conditions and to determine whether the Plan should proceed to referendum. The basic conditions are:

- Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood plan;
- The making of the neighbourhood plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- The making of the neighbourhood plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority;
- The making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations;
- Prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the plan.

The Inspector has formally recommended changes that will enable the Plan to meet the Basic Conditions and, with those changes, the Plan can proceed to referendum. Following that report, East Lindsey District Council approved the Alford Neighbourhood Plan, as modified by the Examiner's recommendations, is satisfied that the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and is will hold a referendum on Thursday 23rd May 2019.