Decision Statement – Welton by Lincoln Neighbourhood Plan

In line with Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, West Lindsey District Council have produced this ‘Decision Statement’ in relation to the Welton by Lincoln Neighbourhood Development Plan submitted to them by Welton by Lincoln Parish Council.

Following an independent examination of written representations, West Lindsey District Council now confirms that the Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a neighbourhood planning referendum.

In accordance with the examiner’s recommendations, the Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a public referendum scheduled for the 28th July 2016, based on the Welton by Lincoln Neighbourhood Area as approved by West Lindsey District Council on 3rd September 2013.

The decision statement and examiners report are posted on the District Council’s website www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans

Background

On the 5th April 2013 Welton by Lincoln Parish Council submitted an application to West Lindsey District Council for the designation of the Parish of Welton as a Neighbourhood Area. The approval of the Neighbourhood Area Designation, for the Welton by Lincoln Neighbourhood Plan, was made on the 16th July 2013.

The Parish Council completed the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Welton towards the middle of 2015. A 6 week consultation period was held ending in November 2015.

The Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan for Welton was completed in January 2016 and submitted to the Council; West Lindsey District Council held a 6 week consultation period on the document from the 9th February until the 6th April 2016.

An Independent Examiner was appointed on the 31st March 2016 to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Welton by Lincoln Neighbourhood Plan and this was completed with the examination report sent to both the Town Council and District Council on the 1st June 2016.

Following a meeting with Prosperous Communities Committee of the District Council on the 7th June 2016, the Council has determined that the recommended modifications to the Welton Neighbourhood Plan meets the necessary ‘basic conditions’ as per Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. It was agreed that all of the recommended modifications made by the independent examiner (to the planning policies) be included and revised in the original Neighbourhood Plan in order for it to proceed to public referendum.
Therefore, to meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, a referendum which poses the question:

“Do you want West Lindsey District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Welton by Lincoln to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

The referendum is proposed for the 28th July 2016 and a Referendum Statement will be produced and publicised on our website and in the local press nearer to the time.