



Decision Statement – Scothern 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 Scothern Neighbourhood Development Plan submitted to them by Scothern 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 19th January 2017, based on the Scothern Neighbourhood Area.

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

Background

In April 2015 Scothern Parish Council submitted an application to West Lindsey District Council for the designation of the Parish of Scothern as a Neighbourhood Area. The approval of the Neighbourhood Area Designation, for the Scothern Neighbourhood Plan, was made on the 8th June 2015.

The Parish Council completed the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Scothern towards the middle of 2016. A 6 week consultation period was held ending in August 2016.

The Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan for Scothern was completed at the end of September 2016 and submitted to the Council; West Lindsey District Council held a 6 week consultation period on the document until November 2016.

An Independent Examiner was appointed on the 30th October 2016 to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Scothern Neighbourhood Plan and this was completed with the examination report sent to both the Parish Council and District Council on the 4th December 2016.

Following a meeting with Prosperous Communities Committee of the District Council on the 6th December 2016, the Council has determined that the recommended modifications to the Scothern 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 Scothern to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

The referendum is proposed for the 19th January 2017 and a Referendum Statement will be produced and publicised on our website and in the local press nearer to the time.