

West Lindsey District Council
Referendum - Regulation 18 - Decision Statement
Willoughton Neighbourhood Plan

1.1 Under Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, West Lindsey District Council has produced this 'Decision Statement' in relation to the Willoughton Neighbourhood Plan submitted to them by Willoughton Parish Council.

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

1.3 In accordance with the examiner's recommendation, the Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a public referendum scheduled for Thursday 6th June 2019, based on the Willoughton Neighbourhood Area as approved by West Lindsey District Council on 18th March 2016.

1.4 Documents relevant to the neighbourhood plan and referendum can be viewed on the District Council's webpages below including these documents-

- Referendum - Regulation 18 - Decision Statement
- Referendum - Information Statement and Specified Documents
- Notice of Referendum
- Examiner's Report

<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/planning-and-building/neighbourhood-planning/all-neighbourhood-plans-in-west-lindsey/willoughton-neighbourhood-plan/>

or

<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-council/electoral-registration-and-elections/by-elections-and-neighbourhood-planning-referendums/>

Background

2.1 On the 1st February 2016, Willoughton Parish Council submitted a request to West Lindsey District Council for the designation of the Parish of Willoughton as a Neighbourhood Area. The approval of the Neighbourhood Area Designation, for the Willoughton Neighbourhood Plan, was made on the 18th March 2016.

2.2 The Parish Council carried out consultation on the Draft pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan for Willoughton in September/October 2017. Consultation on the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan was undertaken in August/September 2018.

2.4 An Independent Examiner was appointed to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Willoughton Neighbourhood Plan and the examiner's report was completed on 22nd February 2019 and made available to the Parish Council and District Council.

2.5 West Lindsey District Council officers, under delegated powers, have determined that the recommended modifications to the Willoughton

Neighbourhood Plan meet the 'basic conditions' as set out in section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. West Lindsey District Council agreed with Willoughton Parish Council that all of the recommended modifications made by the independent examiner be included and revised in the original Neighbourhood Plan in order for it to proceed to public referendum.

2.6 Therefore, to meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, a referendum which poses the following question, will be held on the Thursday 6th June 2019.

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

28th February 2019