

West Lindsey District Council

Referendum - Regulation 18 - Decision Statement

Raising the Bar – A Neighbourhood Plan for Cherry Willingham

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 Cherry Willingham Neighbourhood Plan submitted to them by Cherry Willingham 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 the Thursday 17th January 2019, based on the Cherry Willingham Neighbourhood Area as approved by West Lindsey District Council on 4th June 2013.

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/cherry-willingham-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 23rd January 2013, Cherry Willingham Parish Council submitted an application to West Lindsey District Council for the designation of the Parish of Cherry Willingham as a Neighbourhood Area. The approval of the Neighbourhood Area Designation, for the Cherry Willingham Neighbourhood Plan, was made on the 4th June 2013.

2.2 The Parish Council completed consultation on the Draft pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan for Cherry Willingham in early 2018. Consultation on the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan was completed in summer 2018.

2.4 An Independent Examiner was appointed to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Cherry Willingham Neighbourhood Plan and the examiner's report was completed on 16th November 2018 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 Cherry Willingham

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 Cherry Willingham 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 17th January 2019.

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

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