

West Lindsey District Council
Regulation 18 - Decision Statement - Referendum
Corringham 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 Corringham Neighbourhood Plan submitted to them by Corringham Parish Council.

1.2 Following an independent examination of written representations, West Lindsey District Council confirms that the Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a neighbourhood planning referendum, to be held on 2 December 2021, based on the Corringham Neighbourhood Area as approved by West Lindsey District Council on 9 March 2020. Documents relevant to the neighbourhood plan can be viewed on the District Council's webpage at:

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

2.1 In late 2019 Corringham Parish Council submitted a request to West Lindsey District Council for the designation of the whole Parish of Corringham as a Neighbourhood Area. The approval of the Neighbourhood Area designation, for the Corringham Neighbourhood Plan, was made on the 9 March 2020.

2.2 The Parish Council carried out consultation on the Draft pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan for Corringham in late 2020. Consultation on the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan was undertaken in early-mid 2021. An independent examiner was appointed to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Corringham Neighbourhood Plan and the examiner's report was completed on 1 October 2021 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 Corringham Neighbourhood Plan meet the 'basic conditions' as set out in section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. West Lindsey District Council and Corringham Parish Council have agreed that 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 To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, the referendum, to be held on 2nd December 2021, will pose the following question.

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

2.7 Government planning guidance advises that where a decision statement has been made detailing the intention to send a neighbourhood plan to referendum, such as for the Corringham Neighbourhood Plan, that plan can be given significant weight in planning decision-making, so far as the plan is material to the application.