



Decision Statement – Lea 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 Lea Neighbourhood Development Plan submitted to them by Lea 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 7th December 2017, based on the Lea Neighbourhood Area as approved by West Lindsey District Council on 22nd November 2016.

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

Background

On the 2nd October 2016, Lea Parish Council submitted an application to West Lindsey District Council for the designation of the Parish of Lea as a Neighbourhood Area. The approval of the Neighbourhood Area Designation, for the Lea Neighbourhood Plan, was made on the 22nd November 2016.

2.2 The Parish Council completed the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Lea in the spring of 2017. A 6 week consultation period was held ending on 22nd May 2017.

2.3 The Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan was completed in June 2017 and submitted to the Council; West Lindsey District Council held a 6 week consultation period from 29th June 2017 until 10th August 2017.

2.4 An Independent Examiner was appointed in July 2017 to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Lea Neighbourhood Plan and this was completed with the examination report sent to both the Parish Council and District Council on the 19th September 2017.

Following a meeting of West Lindsey District Council Prosperous Communities Committee on the 24th October 2017, the Council has determined that the recommended modifications to the Lea Neighbourhood Plan meet the 'basic conditions' as set out in section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It was agreed 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.

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 Lea to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

The referendum is proposed for the 7th December 2017 and a Referendum Statement will be produced and publicised on our website in due course.