



Decision Statement – Scotter 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 Scotter Neighbourhood Development Plan submitted to them by Scotter 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 Scotter Neighbourhood Area as approved by West Lindsey District Council on 25th June 2015.

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 4th February 2015, Scotter Parish Council submitted an application to West Lindsey District Council for the designation of the Parish of Scotter as a Neighbourhood Area. The approval of the Neighbourhood Area Designation, for the Scotter Neighbourhood Plan, was made on the 25th June 2015.

2.2 The Parish Council completed the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Scotter in the summer of 2016. A 6 week consultation period was held ending on 6th October 2016.

2.3 The Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan was completed in May 2017 and submitted to the Council; West Lindsey District Council held a 6 week consultation period from 4th July 2017 until 15th August 2017.

2.4 An Independent Examiner was appointed in September 2017 to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Scotter Neighbourhood Plan and this was completed with the examination report sent to both the Parish Council and District Council on the 16th October 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 Scotter 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 Scotter 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.