

West Lindsey District Council
Regulation 19 - Decision Statement - Referendum
Hemswell Cliff Neighbourhood Plan

1.1 Under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) has produced this 'Decision Statement' in relation to the Hemswell Cliff Neighbourhood Plan (Plan) submitted to it by Hemswell Cliff Parish Council (HCPC).

1.2 Following examination, WLDC confirms that the Plan will proceed to a neighbourhood planning referendum, to be held on 19 October 2023. Documents relevant to the Plan can be viewed on the WLDC's webpage at:

[Hemswell Cliff Neighbourhood Plan | West Lindsey District Council \(west-lindsey.gov.uk\)](https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk)

2.1 On 8 June 2016, HCPC received approval from WLDC for the designation of the whole parish of Hemswell Cliff as a Neighbourhood Plan Area for the purpose of preparing such a plan.

2.2 In July 2021, HCPC published for consultation the pre-submission Plan (in accordance with Regulation 14). Thereafter consultation on the submission Plan (in accordance with Regulation 16) was undertaken in mid-2022.

2.3 In spring 2023 an independent examination of the submitted Plan was carried out. The examiner's report was completed on 16 August 2023 and made available to WLDC and HCPC.

2.4 WLDC, under delegated powers, has determined that the examiner's recommended modifications to the submitted Plan meet the 'basic conditions' as set out in section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2.5 WLDC and HCPC have agreed that the modifications be accepted and included in the final Plan and that it should proceed to a public referendum.

2.6 To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, the referendum will pose the following question.

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