

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

ICKFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT

Summary

Following an Independent Examination and Referendum, Buckinghamshire Council confirms that the Ickford Neighbourhood Plan ("the Plan") forms part of the Development Plan and the policies in the Plan will therefore now be given full weight when assessing planning applications that affect land covered by the Plan.

This decision statement and the Plan can be viewed at:

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Background

In January 2018 Ickford Parish Council, as the relevant body, applied for Ickford Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan. The Neighbourhood Area application was approved by Aylesbury Vale District Council (the Council) on 23 February 2018 in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Following the submission of the Plan to the Council in January 2020, the Plan was publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 4th March 2020.

The Council, with the agreement of Ickford Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Mr Andrew Freeman, to review whether the Plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and if it should proceed to referendum.

The Examiner's Report concluded that, subject to making the modifications proposed by the Examiner, the Plan met the Basic Conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.

Decision and Reasons

On 20th May 2020 the Planning Policy Manager made the delegated decision for the Council to accept and act upon the Examiner's report and that the Ickford Neighbourhood Plan (as modified by the Examiner's Report) should proceed to referendum. The modifications proposed by the Examiner were made to the submitted plan to ensure that the draft plan met the Basic Conditions.

Following a delay caused by Covid 19 restrictions a referendum took place on Thursday 6th May 2021. The results showed 92.7% of those who voted were in favour of the plan.

On 22nd June 2021 the Council's Director of Planning and Environment agreed, pursuant to section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to 'make' the Ickford Neighbourhood Plan as more than half of those voting voted in favour of the Plan.