

**AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

WORMINGHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT JULY 2018

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following an Independent Examination and Referendum, Aylesbury Vale District Council now confirms that the Worminghall Neighbourhood Plan (“the Plan”) forms part of the Development Plan and the policies in the Plan can therefore now be given full weight when assessing planning applications that affect land covered by the Plan.
- 1.2 This decision statement and the Plan can be viewed at:

Worminghall Village Hall,

The Avenue,
Worminghall,
HP18 9LD

By Appointment Only, please call Don Potter 01844 339325 to arrange

Aylesbury Vale District Council Office

The Gateway,
Gatehouse Road
Aylesbury,
HP19 8FF
Open Monday to Friday 08.45am – 17.15pm

2. Background

- 2.1 In June 2016 Worminghall Parish Council, as the relevant body, applied for Worminghall 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 19 September 2016 in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the Plan to the Council in January 2018, the Plan was publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 28 February 2018.
- 2.3 The Council, with the agreement of Worminghall Parish Council, appointed an Independent Examiner, Jill Kingaby BSc(Econ) MSc MRTPI of Intelligent Plans and Examinations (IPE) Ltd, to review whether the Plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and should proceed to referendum.

2.4 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.

3. Decision and Reasons

3.1 On 4 May 2018 Peter Williams, Planning Policy Specialist, made the delegated decision for the Council to accept and act upon the Examiner's report and that the Worminghall Neighbourhood Plan (as modified by the Examiner's Report) should proceed to referendum. The District Council made the modifications proposed by the Examiner to ensure that the draft plan met the Basic Conditions.

3.2 A referendum took place on Thursday 5 July 2017. The results showed 87.5% of those who voted were in favour of the plan.

3.3 On 17 July 2018 Peter Williams, Planning Policy Specialist made the delegated decision, pursuant to section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to 'make' the Worminghall Neighbourhood Plan as more than half of those voting voted in favour of the Plan. This decision statement, the Plan and details of where they can both be inspected have been published on our website. This information has also been brought to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area.