

Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement

Summary

1. Following a positive referendum result (on Thursday 6 May 2021), Blaby District Council is publicising its decision to 'Make' the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan part of Blaby District's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Background

2. On 13 January 2016, Blaby District Council approved the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Area to be designated in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Area covers the parishes of: Aston Flamville, Croft, Huncote, Leicester Forest West, Potters Marston, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton, Thurlaston and Wigston Parva. Sapcote Parish Council is the Qualifying Body in accordance with the legislation, and the ten parishes have worked together to produce the plan.
3. Following the submission of the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the Plan was publicised for a six week period and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 21 May 2019.
4. Blaby District Council, with the agreement of Sapcote Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Mr Jeremy Edge, to assess whether the Plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and so should proceed to referendum.
5. The Examiner's Report concludes that, subject to making the modifications proposed by the Examiner, the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Plan referendum. The modifications were accepted in full at a meeting of Council on 20 February 2020 and the plan proceeded to a referendum.

Decisions and Reasons

6. The referendum held on 6 May 2021 met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. It returned a 'yes' majority of 85% to the question: "Do you want Blaby District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Fosse Villages to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

7. The results of the referendum were:

Description	Number
Ballot Papers Issued	4069
Number cast in favour of a 'Yes'	3439
Number cast in favour of a 'No'	586
Reason for ballot papers being rejected	Number of ballot papers rejected
Want of an official mark	0
Voting for more answers than required	5
Writing or mark by which voter could be identified	2
Being marked or wholly void for uncertainty	37
Rejected in part	0

Turnout was 39%.

8. Following the positive referendum outcome, the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan was 'Made' by Blaby District Council (at a meeting of Council) on 15 June 2021.
9. It is considered that the Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; complies with the provision made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); and is compatible with EU obligations and Convention obligations (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
10. The Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Area that consists of: Aston Flamville, Croft, Huncote, Leicester Forest West, Potters Marston, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton, Thurlaston and Wigston Parva. In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), the determination of planning applications in the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Area will need to be made in accordance with the development plan, being the Local Plan (Core Strategy) Development Plan Document (2013), Local Plan (Delivery) Development Plan Document (2019) and the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan (2021), unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Where to view this Decision Statement

11. This Decision Statement can be viewed online at www.blaby.gov.uk and in person at: Blaby District Council, Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicestershire, LE19 2EP. For the latest office opening times, please visit the Council's website or telephone 0116 275 0555.

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