



Cherwell
DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Development Plan

Regulation 19 Decision Statement

26 May 2021

**Section 38A of The Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

(Please note this is not a consultation)

As a result of a referendum in favour of the Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Plan held on 6 May 2021, Cherwell District Council has 'made' the Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The referendum was held in the Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Plan area where more than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the Plan being used to help decide planning applications.

Cherwell District Council considers that the Plan does not breach, nor is incompatible with, any European Union or human rights obligations.

This decision statement confirms that at the Council meeting on 19 May 2021, Cherwell District Council resolved that the Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Plan be 'made'.

This decision statement, the Plan and all other relevant documents can be viewed on the Council's website:

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/NeighbourhoodPlans>

This Decision Statement and the Neighbourhood Plan is also available at Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Banbury OX15 4AA (subject to COVID 19 restrictions). If any person has difficulty accessing the documents online, then please contact the Planning Policy and Conservation Team on 01295 227985 for assistance.

YVONNE REES, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Background Information

Cherwell District Council designated the Parish of Weston-on the-Green as a Neighbourhood Area on 2 November 2015.

The Weston-on-the-Green draft Submission Neighbourhood Plan was submitted by Weston-on-the-Green Parish Council to Cherwell District Council on 11 October 2018. The Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents were publicised as required and public consultation took place between 19 November 2018 and 11 January 2019.

Following the consultation, the Council, in agreement with the Parish Council, appointed an Independent Examiner to undertake the independent examination. The Examiner's report was dated 11 September 2019.

On 4 November 2019 Cherwell District Council, having considered each of the recommendations made by the Examiner:

- 1) approved all the Examiner's recommendations and modifications with the exception of Modifications 15,21, 24, 26 and 27.
- 2) Agreed not to proceed to referendum on the Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Plan at this time;
- 3) Approved the area for the future referendum as being the designated Neighbourhood Plan area in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations, noting that there will be no extension to the area.

The Council subsequently published its Regulation 18 Decision Statement in response to the Examiner's Report on 14 November 2019 and invited representations. The consultation period extended to 10 January 2020.

As a result of the representations received an independent examiner was appointed on 17 March 2020 to undertake a further partial examination. The scope of the partial examination was restricted to the Council's responses to the recommended modifications 15 and 21 and consequentially 24, 26 and 27.

Second Examiner's Report

Cherwell District Council received the Independent Examiner's Report on the outstanding issues of the Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Plan on 8 June 2020.

The Council's Executive considered the second Examiner's Report, associated and background documents, and a report presented by officers on 6 July 2020 and resolved (in summary):

- 1) To approve all the Examiner's recommendations and modifications to enable the Plan, incorporating the recommended modifications, to proceed to a referendum.
- 2) To authorise the issue of a 'decision statement' confirming the Executive's decision including that the Plan will now proceed to a referendum.
- 3) To authorise the Assistant Director – Planning and Development to make any minor presentational changes and corrections necessary to ready the Plan for referendum.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the referendum was delayed until 6 May 2021.