



Dickleburgh & Rushall Neighbourhood Plan – Final Decision Statement

The decision:

Following a referendum on 19th March 2026, in which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, South Norfolk Council has decided to ‘make’ the Dickleburgh & Rushall Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for the District. This decision was taken by South Norfolk Council on 18th May 2026.

Reasons for the decision:

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, South Norfolk Council appointed an independent examiner (Mr Andrew Ashcroft) in April 2025 to assess the submitted Dickleburgh & Rushall Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The examiner conducted his examination based on a combination of written evidence and a public hearing. He concluded that, subject to certain modifications, the Plan meets the basic conditions and that it should proceed to a referendum in Dickleburgh & Rushall.

South Norfolk Council considered the recommendations of the examiner and agreed with his proposed modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan proceeded to a referendum, which took place on 19th March 2026. The result of the referendum was as follows:

Question in referendum	Number voting ‘Yes’	Number voting ‘No’
Do you want South Norfolk Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Dickleburgh & Rushall to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?	198	30

If a referendum results in more than half of those voting doing so in favour of the proposal then the local planning authority must make the Neighbourhood Development Plan as soon as reasonably practical, unless it considers that this would breach or be incompatible with any EU obligation or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

Dickleburgh & Rushall Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the statutory development plan for South Norfolk.

A copy of the plan is available to view on our website at:

www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plans.

Hard copies of these documents are also available at the following locations:

- **Dickleburgh & Rushall Village Centre**, Harvey Lane, Dickleburgh, IP21 4NL (viewing by appointment at the following times - Mon: 10am-12pm, 2-4pm; Tues: 1–3pm; Thurs: 9.30am-12.30pm, 3-5pm; Fri: 2–4pm. Please contact 01379 742937)
- **Diss Library**, Church Street, Diss, IP22 4DD (Staffed Mon & Wed-Fri: 10am-7pm; Sat: 10am-4pm)
- **South Norfolk Council**, The Horizon Centre, Broadland Business Park, Peachman Way, Norwich, NR7 0WF (Mon-Fri: 8.30am-5pm)