



Poringland Neighbourhood Plan – Final Decision Statement

The decision:

Following a referendum on 8th July 2021, 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 Poringland Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for the District. This decision was taken by South Norfolk Council on 26th July 2021.

Reasons for the decision:

Following an initial examination of the Neighbourhood Plan, which was completed in January 2020, South Norfolk Council proposed to accept each of the examiner's recommendations apart from that relating to Policy 2 'Housing-scale'. Following a further consultation on this proposal and a subsequent examination of the Council's alternative modification to Policy 2 (in which the second examiner recommended a modification to the council's proposal), South Norfolk Council proposed to make a further amendment to the second examiner's modification. This was in order for the policy to achieve the clarity required by the National Planning Policy Framework. This proposal was subject to a further consultation in February/March 2021.

Following consideration of the representations received, South Norfolk Council published its final Decision Statement in April 2021, in relation to each of the recommendations by both examiners. The Council approved that, subject to the specific modifications being made, the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum within the neighbourhood area.

The referendum took place on 8th July 2021. The result was as follows:

Question in referendum	Number voting 'Yes'	Number voting 'No'
Do you want South Norfolk Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Poringland to help them decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?	681	56

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).

Poringland Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the statutory development plan for South Norfolk.