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Broadland District Council & The Broads Authority

Acle Neighbourhood Development Plan – Final Decision Statement

The decision:

Following a referendum on 8 January 2015, in which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Broadland District Council and The Broads Authority have decided to 'make' the Acle Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Local Plan for Broadland District Council and The Broads Authority. This decision was taken at the full Council meeting of 17 February 2015 and full Authority meeting of 23 January 2015 respectively.

Reasons for the decision:

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Broadland District Council & the Broads Authority appointed an independent examiner to assess the submitted Acle Neighbourhood Development Plan, in September 2014.

The examiner conducted her examination based on written evidence and concluded that, subject to certain minor modifications, the Plan meets the basic conditions and that it should proceed to a referendum in Acle.

Broadland District Council and The Broads Authority considered the recommendations of the examiner on 21 October 2014 and agreed with her proposed modifications of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan proceeded to a referendum, which took place on 8 January 2015. The results of the referendum were as follows:

Question in referendum	Number of votes	
	YES	NO
Do you want Broadland District Council & The Broads Authority to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Acle area to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?	299	53

If a referendum results in more than half of those voting doing so in favour of the proposal then the Council 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).

At their meeting of 17 February 2015 and 23 January 2015 Broadland District Council and Broads Authority decided that the Neighbourhood Development Plan is not in breach of this legislation and that it should be made part of the Development Plan for the district.