



Blofield Neighbourhood Development Plan – Final Decision Statement

The decision:

Following a referendum on 21 July 2016, in which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Broadland District Council has decided to 'make' the Blofield Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Development Plan for the District. This decision was taken at the full Council meeting of 26 July 2016.

Reasons for the decision:

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Broadland District Council appointed an independent examiner in April 2016 to assess the submitted Blofield Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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

Broadland District Council considered the recommendations of the examiner and agreed with his proposed modifications of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan proceeded to a referendum, which took place on 21 July 2016. The result of the referendum was as follows:

Question in referendum	Number of votes	
	YES	NO
Do you want Broadland District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Blofield to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?	439	42

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).

At its meeting of 26 July 2016 Broadland District Council 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.