



Starston Neighbourhood Plan – Final Decision Statement

The decision:

Following a referendum on 8th December 2022, 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 Starston Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for the District. This decision was taken by South Norfolk Council on 12th December 2022.

Reasons for the decision:

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, South Norfolk Council appointed an independent examiner in July 2022 to assess the submitted Starston 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 Starston.

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 8th December 2022. 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 Starston to help them decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?	42	11

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).

Starston 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. Copies of these documents will also be made available at **Harleston Library**, Swan Ln, Harleston IP20 9AW (Open: 11.30-7.00 Mon & Fri; 10.00-7.00 Weds; 11.30-4.00 Sat).