

DECISION STATEMENT (proceeding to referendum), published pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Schedule 4B paragraph 12 (as amended), and Regulation 18(2) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Decision

On 9 February 2020 the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee resolved that, subject to modifications, the Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Development Plan should be supported and proceed to referendum.

Reasons for decision

The Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Area lies within Maidstone Borough and comprises the whole of the parish of Boughton Monchelsea. The parish was designated a Neighbourhood Area on 29 October 2012. The Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Development Plan (the Plan) has been prepared by Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council, which is the 'qualifying body', and public consultation on the pre-submission draft Plan was undertaken between 26 April 2019 and 11 June 2019. Following the submission of the draft Plan and supporting documents on 10 March 2020, the Borough Council publicised the Plan and invited representations during the consultation period 14 August 2020 to 28 September 2020 (additional dates added to accommodate the August Bank Holiday). Mr Derek Stebbing B.A. (Hons), Dip E.P., MRTPI, an independent examiner, was appointed to examine the Plan, and his report was published on 17 December 2020. The examiner concluded that, subject to the modifications set out in his report, the Plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements, and the Plan should proceed to referendum. Also, that the referendum area should reflect the extent of Boughton Monchelsea parish.

Each of the examiner's recommended modifications and the reasons for them has been considered. The Council is satisfied that the Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Development Plan, as modified, complies with the basic conditions and legislative requirements, and should move to referendum.

Access to material

- This decision statement can be viewed and downloaded at <https://localplan.maidstone.gov.uk/home/neighbourhood-planning>
- The Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Development Plan with supporting documents, and the examiner's report can be viewed and downloaded at <https://localplan.maidstone.gov.uk/home/neighbourhood-planning>

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BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- The Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee report and minutes of 9 February 2021 can be viewed and downloaded at https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/council-and-democracy/primary-areas/your-councillors?sq_content_src=%2BdXJsPWh0dHBzJTnBJTJGJTJGbWVldGluZ3MubWFpZHN0b25lLmdvdi51ayUyRmlITGlzdERvY3VtZW50cy5hc3B4JTNGQ0lkJTNEjUyJTl2TUlkJTNEzQ0MSZhbGw9MQ%3D%3D

Dated: 23rd February 2021