

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 8 September 2020 the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee resolved that, subject to modifications, the Lenham Neighbourhood Development Plan (2017-2031) should be supported and proceed to referendum.

Reasons for decision

The Lenham Neighbourhood Area lies within Maidstone Borough, and comprises the whole of the parish of Lenham. The parish was designated a Neighbourhood Area on 27 November 2012. The Lenham Neighbourhood Development Plan (the Plan) has been prepared by Lenham Parish Council, which is the 'qualifying body', and public consultation on the pre-submission draft Plan was undertaken between 24 September and 12 November 2018. Following the submission of the draft Plan and supporting documents on 17 December 2019, the Borough Council publicised the Plan and invited representations during the consultation period 17 February to 17 April 2020. 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 30 June 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 Lenham parish.

Each of the examiner's recommended modifications and the reasons for them has been considered. The Council is satisfied that the Lenham 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 Lenham 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>
- The Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee report and minutes of 8 September 2020 can be viewed and downloaded at https://www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/council-and-democracy/primary-areas/your-councillors?sq_content_src=%2BdXJsPWh0dHBzJTNBJTJGJTJGbwVldGluZ3Mu

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LENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017-2031

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Dated: 9th September 2020