

Isle of Wight Council

Brighstone Neighbourhood Development Plan Final Decision Statement

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following a positive result in the referendum held on September 16 2016, the Isle of Wight Council 'made' the Brighstone Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Isle of Wight Council's development plan on 19 September 2016.
- 1.2 The referendum and 'making' of the Brighstone Neighbourhood Development Plan was preceded by a decision by the council's Executive to undertake a referendum and an independent Examination.
- 1.3 From 19 September a copy of the 'made' Brighstone Neighbourhood Development Plan, along with the Final Decision Statement may be viewed online at www.iwight.com/brighstonendp or paper copies are available during advertised office hours at:

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Brighstone Community Library, North Street, Brighstone, Isle of Wight, PO30 4AX

2. Background

- 2.1 On 4 October 2013, Isle of Wight Council designated Brighstone as a neighbourhood area to enable Brighstone Parish Council, as the qualifying body, to bring forward a neighbourhood plan.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the proposed Brighstone Neighbourhood Development Plan (Brighstone NDP) to the council, the proposed plan was publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period ended on 7 March 2016.
- 2.3 The council, with the agreement of Brighstone Parish Council, appointed Mr John Slater to undertake the independent examination into the proposed Brighstone NDP to determine whether it should proceed to a referendum.
- 2.4 The Examiner, in his report, concluded that subject to making the recommended modifications, the proposed Brighstone NDP meets the Basic Conditions and should proceed to a referendum.
- 2.5 The council's [Executive](#) agreed on 9 June 2016 that "the plan be made (brought into force) as soon as possible and form part of the statutory development plan if there is a positive referendum vote in favour of the Brighstone Neighbourhood Development Plan".

3. Decision and Reasons

- 3.1 Following the Examination, a number of proposed modifications were made to the Brighstone NDP, to ensure that it met the basic conditions as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is compatible with EU obligations

and the Convention rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Section 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended.

3.2 A referendum asking 'Do you want Isle of Wight Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Brighstone Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?' was held in the parish of Brighstone on 15 September 2016.

3.3 The result of the referendum was:

Yes - 293 (90.43%)

No - 31 (9.57%)

3.4 The turnout was 22.56%.

3.5 Following the council's decision of 9 June and the positive outcome of the referendum, the Brighstone Neighbourhood Development Plan was 'made' on 19 September. Planning applications within the parish of Brighstone will now be determined against the Brighstone Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Island Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.