

Isle of Wight Council

Freshwater Neighbourhood Development Plan Final Decision Statement

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following a positive result in the referendum held on March 8 2018, the Isle of Wight Council 'made' the Freshwater Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Isle of Wight Council's development plan on 12 March 2018.
- 1.2 The referendum and 'making' of the Freshwater Neighbourhood Development Plan was preceded by a decision by the council's Cabinet to undertake a referendum and an independent Examination.
- 1.3 From 12 March a copy of the 'made' Freshwater Neighbourhood Development Plan, along with the Final Decision Statement may be viewed online at www.iwight.com/freshwaterndp or paper copies are available during advertised office hours at:

Seaclose Officers Reception, Fairlee Road, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2QS
Freshwater Library, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO40 9AP

2. Background

- 2.1 On 30 August 2012, Isle of Wight Council designated Freshwater as a neighbourhood area to enable Freshwater Parish Council, as the qualifying body, to bring forward a neighbourhood plan.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the proposed Freshwater Neighbourhood Development Plan (Freshwater NDP) to the council, the proposed plan was publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period ended on 27 February 2017.
- 2.3 The council, with the agreement of Freshwater Parish Council, appointed Ms Ann Skippers to undertake the independent examination into the proposed Freshwater NDP to determine whether it should proceed to a referendum.
- 2.4 The Examiner, in her report, concluded that subject to making the recommended modifications, the proposed Freshwater NDP meets the Basic Conditions and should proceed to a referendum.
- 2.5 The council's [Cabinet](#) agreed on 11 January 2018 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 Freshwater Neighbourhood Development Plan.

3. Decision and Reasons

- 3.1 Following the Examination, a number of proposed modifications were made to the Freshwater 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 Freshwater Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?' was held in the parish of Freshwater on 8 March 2018.

3.3 The result of the referendum was:

Yes - 707 (91.11%)

No - 65 (8.38%)

3.4 The turnout was 16.23%.

3.5 Following the council's decision of 11 January and the positive outcome of the referendum, the Freshwater Neighbourhood Development Plan was 'made' on 12 March. Planning applications within the parish of Freshwater will now be determined against the Freshwater Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Island Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.