



Mid Suffolk District Council

Adoption of Laxfield Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2036

Dated: 14 April 2022

Decision:

Mid Suffolk District Council has decided to 'make' (adopt) the Laxfield Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018 - 2036 as part of its statutory development plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The decision comes after a referendum was held in the parish at which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the Plan being used to help determine planning applications.

Reason for decision:

Laxfield Parish Council have prepared a Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the relevant regulations.

The Plan was independently examined by Janet Cheesley BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI. The final report, published in December 2020, concluded that subject to modifications the Plan meets the basic conditions set out in Paragraph 8(2), Schedule 4B the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

On 8 February 2021, Mid Suffolk Cabinet agreed that the proposed modifications should be made in full and that subject to that task being satisfactorily completed, the Plan should proceed to a local referendum.

The referendum, which took place on 24 March 2022, posed the following question: '*Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Laxfield to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*'

The declared result was:

Response	No. of Votes Cast	Percentage of Total
Yes	137	69.20%
No	61	30.80%
Other	0	-
<i>Total</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>100%</i>

The result means the District Council must now 'make' (adopt) the Laxfield Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that it would be in breach of any EU obligations or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). At its meeting on 8 February 2021, the Council decided that the Plan was not in breach of these obligations.

Other information:

This Decision Statement, the Laxfield Neighbourhood Plan and other relevant documents can be viewed online at: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/LaxfieldNP