



Mid Suffolk District Council

Adoption of Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037

Dated: 24 November 2022

Decision:

Mid Suffolk District Council have decided to 'make' (adopt) the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018 - 2037 as part of its Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. It now replaces the previously adopted Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan 2016 - 2031.

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 it being used to help determine planning applications.

Reason for decision:

The Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan was first adopted by Mid Suffolk District Council in March 2017. It covered the plan period 2016 - 2031. The Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037 (the 'new Plan') modifies and brings it up to date. The new Plan has also been prepared in accordance with relevant regulations.

The new Plan was independently examined by Janet Cheesley BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI. The final report, published in June 2022, concluded that subject to modification it met the basic conditions set out in Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town & Country Planning Act, 1990.

On 1 August 2022, Mid Suffolk District Council published a statement confirming that the proposed modifications should be made in full and that subject to that task being satisfactorily completed, the new Plan should proceed to a local referendum.

The referendum, which took place on 17 November 2022, posed the following question: '*Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Mendlesham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*'

The declared result was as follows:

Response	No. of Votes Cast	Percentage of Total
Yes	339	93.4%
No	24	6.6%
Other	0	-
Total	363	100%

This result means that the District Council must now 'make' (adopt) the new Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037 unless it considers that it is in breach of any EU obligations or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). The Council is satisfied that the new Plan is not in breach of these obligations.

Other information:

This Decision Statement, the adopted Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037, and other relevant documents can be viewed online at: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/MendleshamNP