



Adoption of Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan 2020 - 2037

Dated: 2 March 2022

Decision:

Mid Suffolk District Council has decided to 'make' (adopt) the Needham Market Neighbourhood Development Plan 2020 - 2037 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 in the parish at which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the Plan being used where relevant to help determine planning applications.

Reason for decision:

Needham Market Town Council have prepared a Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the relevant regulations.

The Plan was independently examined by Ann Skippers BSc (Hons) MRTPI FHEA FRSA AoU. The final report, published in May 2021, 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 5 July 2021, Mid Suffolk Cabinet agreed that the proposed modifications should be made in full and that subject to that task being satisfactorily completed, that the Plan should proceed to a local referendum.

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

The declared result was:

Response	No. of Votes Cast	Percentage of Total
Yes	915	92.71%
No	72	7.29%
Other	1	-
<i>Total</i>	988	100%

The result means the District Council must now 'make' (adopt) the Needham Market 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 5 July 2021, the Council decided that the Plan was not in breach of these obligations.

Other information:

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