



Mid Suffolk District Council

Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan - Final Decision Statement

On 2 March 2017 a local referendum was held in which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan. Accordingly Mid Suffolk District Council has decided to 'make' the Plan.

The Plan as made becomes part of the Development Plan for the area and will be used where relevant to help the District Council decide planning applications. This decision was taken by Full Council on 23 March 2017

Reason for Decision

In accordance with the provisions of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, 2012 (as amended) the District Council appointed an independent examiner to assess the submitted Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan.

The examination was undertaken by Janet Cheesley BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI a 'suitably qualified and experienced' person who was independent of the plan making process via written representations. The Examiner concluded that subject to modification the Plan would comply with the 'Basic Conditions' as set out in Paragraph 8(2), Schedule 4B the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

The Executive Committee at its meeting on 9 January 2017 agreed with the suggested modifications and concurred that the Plan so modified would comply with the Basic Conditions. The Executive Committee therefore resolved that the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Development Plan should proceed to a local referendum.

The local referendum was held on 2 March 2017. The format of the local referendum question was:

'Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Mendlesham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

More than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the Plan. The results of the local referendum were:

Response	Votes Cast	Percentage of total
YES	393	94.24%
NO	24	5.75%
Total	417	100% (rounded up)

The result of the local referendum enables the District Council to formally make the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that the Plan would be in breach of any EU obligation or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act, 1998).

At its meeting on 23 March 2017 Mid Suffolk District Council decided that the Plan was not in breach of this legislation and that it should be made part of the Development Plan for the district.

Dated: 23 March 2017