

Tattingstone Neighbourhood Plan 2024 - 2037

Post-Examination Decision Statement

Dated: 26 January 2026



Regulation 18 - Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Summary

Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) requires the relevant local planning authority to decide what action to take in response each recommendation made by the Independent Examiner and to publish its decision. This statement fulfills that purpose.

The submission draft Tattingstone Neighbourhood Plan has been independently examined by Ann Skippers BSc (Hons) MRTPI FRSA FHEA AoU. Her final report was issued on 9 January 2026. It notes that this Plan is well presented, that it covers a variety of topics, and that it seeks to add a layer of local detail. With some modifications, it also sets out that this Plan will provide a practical framework for decision making. The majority of the modifications are of a minor nature, but two are of note. The first amends the settlement boundary at Tattingstone Heath to now include all of the rear gardens of three properties along Church Road. The second deletes the proposed local green spaces to the 'west of ...' and 'north and west of Chedworth Place.' The report is also careful to explain that this decision does not mean that these green space could not be reconsidered at a future date should more compelling evidence become available.

Having considered the report, it is the District Councils recommendation that:

'Tattingstone Parish Council make all the necessary modifications to their Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Independent Examiner's Report dated 9 January 2026. Subject to the satisfactory completion of that task; to be signed-off by the Head of Strategic Planning, this Plan will then be advanced to a local referendum covering the parish of Tattingstone.'

Background

The Tattingstone Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with the relevant regulations. The key stages are set out below:

- In July 2021, designation of the whole parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area, which enabled the Parish Council (the 'qualifying body') to prepare its Plan
- Publication by the Parish Council of their Regulation 14 Pre-submission draft Plan for consultation between 20 January and 8 March 2024



- A further ‘focused’ consultation exercise carried out by the Parish Council during January / February 2025 on a proposed change to the settlement boundary at Tattingstone Heath.
- In July 2025, submission of the draft Plan to Babergh District Council, which was then made available for public consultation between 3 September and 17 October 2025
- Commencing in November 2025, independent examination of the Plan. The final Examination Report was issued on 9 January 2026

The ‘Basic Conditions’ are set out in Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). In order to satisfy them a Plan must:

- have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State,
- contribute to the achievement of sustainable development,
- be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the Development Plan for the area of the authority, *and*
- not breach and be otherwise compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements.

Regulation 32 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) also prescribes the following basic condition:

- The making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017(7).

The 2024 Pre-submission draft Tattingstone Neighbourhood Plan was subject to independent screening. This concluded that an Appropriate Assessment was not required. After consulting the relevant statutory bodies on the outcome, the Council issued its formal Determination Notice in April 2024.

Decision

The Tattingstone Neighbourhood Plan 2024 - 2037 as amended to incorporate all of the modifications set out in the Independent Examiners Report dated 9 January 2026 complies with the Basic Conditions set out in Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and should proceed to a local referendum.

The date of the referendum will be announced separately.

The referendum version of the Tattingstone Neighbourhood Plan, i.e., the version that incorporates all of the required modifications, will be published either on the day the referendum is announced, or sooner if it is practical to do so.

References:

1. Independent Examiners Report on the Tattingstone NP:

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/documents/d/babergh/cstm-np-exam-report>