

Loxwood Neighbourhood Development Plan 2013 to 2029

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Regulation 20: Publicising a Neighbourhood Development Plan

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Council has a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans and Orders to take plans through a process of examination, referendum and adoption. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 Chapter 3) sets out the local planning authority's responsibilities for Neighbourhood Planning.
- 1.2 This report confirms that at the Full Council meeting on 14 July 2015, Chichester District Council resolved to 'make' the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan 2013 to 2029. This means that the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan 2013 to 2029 has been brought into legal force and it now forms part of the statutory development plan for Loxwood. Consequently decisions on whether or not to grant planning permission in Loxwood will need to be made in accordance with Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan 2013 to 2029, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

2. Background

- 2.1 The neighbourhood area for Loxwood covers the whole of the Parish of Loxwood.
- 2.2 The Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan was examined by Janet Cheesley BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI who, on 25 February 2015, recommended that the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan as modified by her recommendations should proceed to referendum. Following this the Examiner's modifications were agreed by Loxwood Parish Council and Chichester District Council.
- 2.3 On 24 April 2015, the Decision Statement, a report that outlines all the Examiner's modifications and confirms acceptance by all parties, was agreed by Cabinet.
- 2.4 On 25 June 2015, the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan successfully passed its referendum with 98% of the votes agreeing that Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan be used in Development Management decision making.

2.5 On 14 July 2015 Chichester District Council resolved that the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan, Submission Plan (incorporating Examiner's modifications and all modifications as per the Decision Statement) be 'made' and become part of the Development Plan for Loxwood Parish.

3. Conclusion

3.1 It is therefore confirmed that the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan 2013 to 2029, Submission Plan (incorporating Examiner's modifications and all modifications as per the Decision Statement), complies with the legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011, and as a result of Full Council resolution of 14 July 2015 has been 'made'.

3.2 In accordance with Regulation 20 of the 2012 Regulations, Chichester District Council has published the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan on its website together with details of when and where it can be inspected and has requested that Loxwood Parish Council publish the Neighbourhood Plan on the Parish website and publicise the fact in the local Parish magazine and the Loxwood Society newsletter. The Council has also notified all persons who asked to be notified of the making of the plan and when and where it can be inspected.