Chichester District Council

Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Development Plan

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 20 September 2016, Chichester District Council resolved to 'make' the Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan. This means that the Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan has been brought into legal force and it now forms part of the statutory development plan for Chidham & Hambrook Parish. Consequently decisions on whether or not to grant planning permission in Chidham & Hambrook Parish will need to be made in accordance with Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

2. Background

2.1 The neighbourhood plan area for Chidham & Hambrook covers the whole of the Parish of Chidham & Hambrook.

2.2 The Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan was examined by Janet Cheesley BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI who, in December 2015, recommended that the Chidham & Hambrook Parish Neighbourhood Plan as modified by her recommendations should proceed to referendum. Following this the Examiner’s modifications were agreed by Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council and Chichester District Council.

2.3 On 3 May 2016, 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 13 September 2016, the Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan successfully passed its referendum with 94% of the votes agreeing that Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan be used in Development Management decision making.

2.5 On 20 September 2016 Chichester District Council resolved that the Chidham & Hambrook 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 Chidham & Hambrook Parish.

3. Conclusion

3.1 It is therefore confirmed that the Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan, 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 20 September 2016 has been ‘made’.

3.2 In accordance with Regulation 20 of the 2012 Regulations, Chichester District Council has published the Chidham & Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan on its website together with details of when and where it can be inspected and has requested that Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council publish the Neighbourhood Plan on the Parish website. Copies of the Plan will be available from the Parish Clerk on request and a copy will also be available in the Southbourne Library. Notices identifying where the Plan may be seen will be placed on the Parish Council’s Noticeboards at Broad Road PO18 8YA, outside The Old House at Home PO18 8SU and outside the Village Hall PO18 8TL. 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.