Chichester District Council

Kirdford Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 20123

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 under Neighbourhood Planning.

1.2 This report confirms that at the Full Council meeting on 22 July 2014, Chichester District Council resolved to 'make' the Kirdford Neighbourhood Plan 2014. This means that the Kirdford Neighbourhood Plan 2014 has been brought into legal force, it forms part of the statutory development plan for Kirdford. Consequently decisions on whether or not to grant planning permission in Kirdford will need to be made in accordance with Kirdford Neighbourhood Plan 2014, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

2. Background

2.1 The neighbourhood area for Kirdford covers the whole Parish. Part of the parish lies in the South Downs National Park local planning authority area with the main part being in the Chichester District Council local planning authority area.

2.2 The Kirdford Neighbourhood Pan was examined by Janet Cheesley BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI who, on 8 January 2014, passed the Plan and recommended Chichester District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority should, subject to the modifications in the Examiner's report, proceed to referendum. Following this the Examiner's modifications were agreed by Kirdford Parish Council, Chichester District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority.

2.3 On 25 February 2014, the Decision Statement, a report that outlines all the Examiner's modifications and confirms acceptance by all parties, was agreed by Cabinet and published on the Chichester District website.

2.4 On 1 May 2014, Kirdford Neighbourhood Plan successfully passed its referendum with 95% of the votes agreeing that Kirdford Neighbourhood Plan be used in Development Management decision making.

2.5 On 22 July 2014 Chichester District Council resolved that the Kirdford 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 Chichester District Council. It will sit alongside the saved policies of the Chichester District Local Plan 1999.

2.6 Chichester District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority will continue to produce their Local Plans which will set out the strategic context within which the Kirdford Neighbourhood Plan will sit.

3. Conclusion

3.1 It is therefore confirmed that the Kirdford Neighbourhood Plan 2014, 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 22 July 2014 has been 'made'.