

Wisborough Green 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 19 July 2016, Chichester District Council resolved to 'make' the Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan. This follows the making of the Plan by the South Downs National Park Authority on 9 June 2016. Following the making of the Plan by both planning authorities this means that the Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan has been brought into legal force and it now forms part of the statutory development plan for Wisborough Green Parish. Consequently decisions on whether or not to grant planning permission in Wisborough Green Parish will need to be made in accordance with Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

2. Background

- 2.1 The neighbourhood area for Wisborough Green covers the whole of the Parish of Wisborough Green. This area lies within the Chichester District Council and South Downs National Park planning authority areas. The neighbourhood area was designated by Chichester District Council on 6 November 2012 and the South Downs National Park Authority on 13 September 2012.
- 2.2 The Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan was examined by Paul McCreery BSc., M.Phil., FRTPI who, in November 2015, recommended that the Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan as modified by his recommendations should proceed to referendum. Following this the Examiner's modifications were agreed by Wisborough Green Parish Council and Chichester District Council.

- 2.3 On 8 March 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 5 May 2016, the Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan successfully passed its referendum with 83.18% of the votes agreeing that Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan be used in Development Management decision making.
- 2.5 On 19 July 2016 Chichester District Council resolved that the Wisborough Green 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 Wisborough Green Parish. The South Downs National Park Authority resolved that the Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan be 'made' on 9 June 2016.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 It is therefore confirmed that the Wisborough Green 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 19 July 2016 has been 'made'.
- 3.2 In accordance with Regulation 20 of the 2012 Regulations, Chichester District Council has published the Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan on its website together with details of when and where it can be inspected. In addition, the South Downs National Park Authority has published the Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plan on its website together with details of when and where it can be inspected. Chichester District Council has requested that Wisborough Green Parish Council publish the Neighbourhood Plan on the Parish website. The Parish Council will place a copy of the Wisborough Green Parish Neighbourhood Plan in Wisborough Green Primary School, Wisborough Green Village Hall, St Peter ad Vincula Parish Church and Billingshurst Library. Notices identifying where the Plan may be seen will be placed on the two noticeboards on the village green (on the corner opposite the village stores and at the crossroads). A notice will also be put in the local parish magazine, Ad Vincula. Chichester District 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.