

DECISION STATEMENT (proceeding to referendum), published pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Schedule 4B paragraph 12 (as amended), and Regulation 18(2) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Decision

On 19 November 2019 the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee resolved that, subject to modifications, the Marden Neighbourhood Development Plan (2017-2031) should proceed to local referendum.

Reasons for decision

The Marden Neighbourhood Area lies within Maidstone Borough, and comprises the whole of the parish of Marden. The parish was designated a Neighbourhood Area on 14 January 2013. The Marden Neighbourhood Development Plan (the Plan) has been prepared by Marden Parish Council, which is the 'qualifying body', and public consultation on the pre-submission draft Plan was undertaken between 9 June and 21 July 2018. Following the submission of the draft Plan and supporting documents on 28 May 2019, the Borough Council publicised the Plan and invited representations during the consultation period 14 June to 26 July 2019. Mr Derek Stebbing B.A. (Hons), Dip E.P., MRTPI, an independent examiner, was appointed to examine the Plan, and his report was published on 14 October 2019. The examiner concluded that, subject to the modifications set out in his report, the Plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements, and the Plan should proceed to referendum. Also, that the referendum area should reflect the extent of Marden parish.

Each of the examiner's recommended modifications and the reasons for them has been considered. The Council is satisfied that the Marden Neighbourhood Development Plan, as modified, complies with the basic conditions and legislative requirements, and should move to referendum.

Access to material

- This decision statement can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/planning-and-building/primary-areas/local-plan-information/tier-3-additional-areas/neighbourhood-plans>
- The Marden Neighbourhood Development Plan with supporting documents, and the examiner's report can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/planning-and-building/primary-areas/local-plan-information/tier-3-additional-areas/neighbourhood-plans>
- The Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee report and minutes of 19 November 2019 can be viewed and downloaded at https://www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/council-and-democracy/primary-areas/your-councillors?sq_content_src=%2BdXJsPWh0dHBzJTnBJTJGJTJGbwVldGluZ3MubWFpZHN0b25lLmdvdi51ayUyRm1nQ2FsZW5kYXJNb250aFZpZXcuYXNweCUzRkdMJTNEMSUyNmJjciUzRDEmYWxsPTE%3D

Dated: 20 November 2019