

APPENDIX 1: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING PROTOCOL

Plan stage	Regulatory stage	Tasks	Responsibility	Committee decision/ delegated authority	Outcome
MBC decision on an Examiner's recommendations	17A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On receipt of the Examiner's final report, prepare SPI Committee report recommending the course of action to be taken (accept report / decline report / accept and make modifications). 2. If SPI Committee accepts the Examiner's recommendations (with or without modifications) to hold a referendum, then the next step is to arrange the referendum. 3. If SPI Committee accepts the Examiner's recommendation that a neighbourhood plan or modification proposal does not pass examination, the plan will not proceed to referendum. 4. If SPI Committee declines to accept the Examiner's recommendations, then MBC must undertake a 6-week consultation on its decision³ in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 17A. 5. Prepare a decision statement within 5 weeks of receipt of the Examiner's report, or by a later date agreed in writing with the parish council or neighbourhood forum. 	MBC Strategic Planning Team	<p>SPI Committee decision</p> <p>(The Head of Planning and Development has elected not to use his delegated authority at Regulation 17A because it is important that the Committee has the opportunity to have input into a document that becomes part of the Maidstone Development Plan).</p>	<p>MBC decision to accept (with or without modifications) or decline to accept the Examiner's report.</p> <p>Note: 'post-examination draft neighbourhood plan' (as modified by the Examiner) becomes a material consideration in decisions on planning applications.</p>

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³ This is not a full consultation – it includes the parish council or neighbourhood forum, those who submitted representations at Regulation 16 stage, and statutory consultees included in the Regulation 15 consultation statement