

North Norfolk District Council

Wells-Next-The-Sea Neighbourhood Plan

Decision Statement published pursuant to the Localism Act 2011, Schedule 38A (4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulations 19 & 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

North Norfolk District Council has resolved to "make" the Wells-Next-The-Sea Neighbourhood Plan. The Wells-Next-The-Sea Neighbourhood Plan has been brought into legal force and forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the parish of Wells. In accordance with Planning Law, decisions on relevant planning applications must now be made in accordance with policies in Wells-Next-The-Sea Neighbourhood Plan and wider Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Wells-Next-The-Sea Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to NNDC in June 2023. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). A report following independent examination of the Plan was published 15th April 2024. The report found that subject to the incorporation of recommended modifications, the Plan passed the necessary legal tests and should proceed to a local referendum. The District Council accepted these recommendations in full and amended the Plan accordingly. A local referendum was held at the first opportunity in the Parish on 4th July 2024. A majority voted in favour of the Plan being used by the Council in making decisions on planning applications within the Neighbourhood Area.

The submission version of the Wells-Next-The-Sea Neighbourhood Plan as modified following independent examination, complies with the legal requirements governing the making of Neighbourhood Development Plans introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and associated Regulations. Accordingly, I hereby confirm that the Wells-Next-The-Sea Neighbourhood Plan, has been 'made' under delegation by the Leader of the Council.

Decisions on planning applications in **Wells-Next-The-Sea** Neighbourhood Area must now be made in accordance with policies in the Neighbourhood Plan and wider Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The 'made' version of the Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the District Council's web site:

www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/wellsnp

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