



By email

07 July 2022

Dear Cllr Laws

Re: Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan Submission

I am writing to confirm receipt of the *Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan Submission Draft Plan (June 2022)* and accompanying documents, and to confirm that the plan meets the statutory requirements and will proceed to examination.

Statutory requirements

Where the submitted Neighbourhood Plan meets the statutory requirements set out in paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Council will publicise the Plan for a minimum of 6 weeks; invite representations; notify any consultation body referred to in the consultation statement; and send the draft Neighbourhood Plan to independent examination. For reference, the statutory requirements are available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/10/enacted>.

Authorisation to prepare plan

The plan was submitted by Whittlesey Town Council and applies to the designated Whittlesey Neighbourhood Area. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is coterminous with the Whittlesey Parish boundary and does not include land within any other parish. As a town council, Whittlesey

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Town Council is authorised to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the designated Whittlesey Neighbourhood Area¹.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents

The submitted Neighbourhood Plan contains policies and proposals which apply to the designated Whittlesey Neighbourhood Area. The submitted Plan is accompanied by a Basic Conditions Statement, Consultation Statement, map of the Neighbourhood Area, and SEA Determination Statement and accompanying Screening Report.

The suite of documents appears complete and consistent with the requirements of national planning policy, guidance and legislation².

Planning permission and excluded development

The submitted Neighbourhood Plan sets out proposed planning policies which apply to the Whittlesey Neighbourhood Area only. The submitted Neighbourhood Plan does not directly grant planning permission. If the plan is made, development proposals will continue to be subject to the planning application process.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not provide for the granting of planning permission for any development that is excluded development³.

In conclusion, Fenland District Council is satisfied that the submitted Whittlesey Neighbourhood Plan complies with the statutory requirements. The Council will therefore proceed to publish the plan for a period of more than 6-weeks⁴ from **8 July to 1 September**, inviting representations during this time.

The Local Plan Team will be in contact with Whittlesey Town Council in due course to discuss arrangements for the Independent Examination.

Yours sincerely

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¹ Paras. 6(a) & (b) of Sch. 4B.

² Paras. 6(c) & (d) of Sch. 4B

³ Para. 6(e) of Sch. 4B

⁴ Reg. 16 requires a publication period of “not less than 6 weeks”. The publication period has been extended to eight weeks to account the summer holiday period.