



## Suffolk Coastal District Council

### THE RENDLESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – FINAL DECISION STATEMENT The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulations 19 & 20)

#### Summary

Following a positive referendum on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, Suffolk Coastal District Council has decided to ‘make’ the Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan part of the Local Plan for Suffolk Coastal District. The decision was taken at full Council on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (ref CL05-15).

Having decided to ‘make’ the Plan, Regulation 19 requires the Council to publish a statement setting out their reasons for that decision. Regulation 20 requires the Council to publish the neighbourhood plan and to provide details of where and when the Plan may be inspected.

#### Background

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General ) Regulations 2012, Suffolk Coastal District Council appointed an independent examiner to assess the Submitted Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan in November 2014.

The examiner conducted the examination based on written evidence and concluded that, subject to modifications, the Plan meets the ‘basic conditions’ and that it should proceed to referendum in Rendlesham.

Suffolk Coastal District Council considered the recommendations of the examiner and agreed with his proposed modifications of the Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan ([Decision statement](#) ).

The Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan (including modifications) proceeded to a referendum which took place on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The results of the referendum were as follows:

Question: <i>Do you want Suffolk Coastal District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Rendlesham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?</i>	Electorate	2206
	Number of votes cast	1045
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	1012	<b>33</b>
Turnout 47%	96.8%	3.2%

## Reasons for the Decision

If more than half of those voting in a referendum vote in favour of the proposal, then the Council must 'make' the Neighbourhood Plan as soon as reasonably practical unless it considers that this would breach or be incompatible with any EU Obligation or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). In the Rendlesham referendum 96.8% of those voting voted in favour of the proposal.

At their full Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015, Suffolk Coastal District Council decided the Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan (as modified) is not in breach of this legislation and therefore that it should be 'made' part of the Development Plan for the district (ref CL05-15).

This Final Decision Statement and the 'made' Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan (dated January 2015) can be inspected during normal office hours at:

Suffolk Coastal District Council  
Council Offices  
Melton Hill  
Woodbridge  
IP12 1AU

Or

On-line at

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/community/consultation/rnp/>

In accordance with the Regulations, a copy of this Final Decision Statement has been provided to Rendlesham Parish Council as the "relevant body" with a request that it be made available at their Parish Council Office; on the Rendlesham Parish Council website; and on their parish council noticeboards. In addition, electronic and hard copy versions of the 'made' Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan have been provided to the Parish Council for display and distribution.

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