

Key Decision Details

Decision Name	GREAT STAUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION OUTCOME AND PROGRESSION TO REFERENDUM
Date of Decision	17 June 2025
Decision maker	Cabinet
Describe the Decision taken	The Cabinet has agreed that the District Council should act upon the Examiner's report to accept the recommended modifications and progress the neighbourhood plan to referendum.
What were the reasons for taking the Decision?	The recommended decision is necessary to enable the Great Staughton Neighbourhood Plan to proceed to referendum.
What alternative options were considered and rejected?	<p>Following the examination of a neighbourhood plan the Examiner sends their report to the local planning authority and the town/parish council preparing the neighbourhood plan. The examiner is required to set out one of three options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the neighbourhood plan proceeds to

- referendum as submitted
2. That the neighbourhood plan is modified by the local planning authority to meet the basic conditions and the modified version proceeds to referendum; or
 3. That the neighbourhood plan does not proceed to referendum as it fails to meet the basic conditions and/ or legislative requirements and cannot be modified to do so.

The local planning authority has limited options in how to respond to the examiner's recommendations:

- a) Act upon the Examiner's report and progress the neighbourhood plan to referendum, whether or not the Examiner recommends modifications are necessary to meet the basic conditions;
- b) Propose to take a decision substantially different from the Examiner's recommendation which is wholly or partly as a result of new evidence or a different view taken by the local planning authority about a particular fact; or

- c) Decide not to progress the neighbourhood plan in light of the Examiner's report - this is only permissible where '3.' above is the case.

Conflict of interest and dispensation

Is the decision a Key Decision? Yes

Was the decision included in the Forward Plan Yes

Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings? No

List the background papers to any report considered by the Decision Taker

[Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(as amended\)](#)
[Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#)
[Localism Act 2011](#)
[The Neighbourhood Planning \(Referendums\) Regulations 2012 \(as amended\)](#)
[National Planning Practice Guidance \(Neighbourhood Planning\)](#)

Person Making this report

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Decision will be effective the day after call-in expires. Call-in expires on

26 June 2025

Accompanying Documents

3 - Great Staughton Neighbourhood Plan Examination Outcome and Progression to Referendum

3 - Appendix 1 - Great
Staughton Referendum
Version - April 2025
3 - Appendix 2 - FINAL Great
Staughton NP Examiner
Report 030425
3 - Appendix 3 - Decision
Statement for GSNP