

Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Regulation 18 Decision Statement

Summary

Following an Independent Examination Epping Forest District Council confirms formal acceptance of the recommendations outlined in the Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Neighbourhood Plan Examination Report. The Examiner recommended that the Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Neighbourhood Plan (hereafter, the Plan) should proceed to referendum as, subject to recommendations made by the Examiner, the plan meet all of the basic conditions required of a Neighbourhood Plan. This matter was considered at the Epping Forest District Council Cabinet Meeting held on 11 July 2019 where the Cabinet agreed that, the plan proposal be accepted and should therefore proceed to referendum.

Background

Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Parish Council, as the qualifying body successfully applied in 2013 for the whole Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012), which came into force on 6 April 2012.

A draft neighbourhood plan was produced and consulted upon in spring 2014 and a further draft plan was produced and consulted in spring 2015. The plan was submitted in September 2015 for examination and the examiner's report was published in May 2016. The report recommended that the plan should not progress to referendum as it did not meet the basis conditions.

A revised plan was published and consulted upon in winter 2017. The revised plan was submitted and publicised between 22 January 2019 and 5 March 2019. All representations were sent to the independent examiner appointed to examine the plan which was undertaken under the written representations procedure. The Examiner's Report was published on 17 June 2019.

Recommendations, Decisions and Reasons

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 18) require the local planning authority to outline what action is to be taken in response to the recommendations of an examiner under paragraph 10 of Schedule 4a to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as applied by Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).

Having considered the recommendations made in the Examiner's Report, and the reasons for them, Epping Forest District Council has agreed to accept the modifications made to the draft plan under paragraph 12(6) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in response to the Examiner's recommendations. The Council also agreed that the plan proposal should proceed to referendum.

The report to Cabinet on 11 July 2019 can be viewed at

<https://rds.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=295&MIId=10137>

The Examiner's Report can be viewed at:

<https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/moreton-bobbingworth-and-the-lavers-neighbourhood-plan-examination/>

Local Referendum

To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 a referendum which poses the question,

'Do you want Epping Forest District Council to use the Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in the Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Neighbourhood Area?'

will be held in the area formally designated as the Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Neighbourhood Area. The date on which the referendum will take place is **26 September 2019**.