South Northamptonshire Council

Decision Statement

Roade Neighbourhood Plan

1. Summary

1.1 Following a positive referendum result, South Northamptonshire Council is publishing its decision to ‘make’ the Roade Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of South Northamptonshire Council’s Development Plan, in accordance the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and the Localism Act (2011).

2. Background

2.1 On 8th June 2016 the Council designated the Neighbourhood Area, proposed by Roade Parish Council as a Neighbourhood Area. This covers the whole of the Roade Parish administrative area.

2.2 The Neighbourhood Plan group engaged with the local community in preparing its Plan and formal consultation took place on the emerging plan in September 2017.

2.3 The Parish Council submitted the amended plan to SNC and SNC ran and funded a public consultation on the Submission document between 26 April to 22 June 2018.

2.4 SNC then appointed an independent Examiner and organised and funded an Examination on the Roade Neighbourhood Plan which took place in October 2018.

2.5 SNC received the Examiner’s report in March 2019, this concluded that the plan met the basic conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in his report the plan should proceed to a referendum.

2.6 On 25th April 2019 the Chief Executive on behalf of the former Executive Director- Place and Growth, considered the Examiner’s report and the modified Neighbourhood Plan, and resolved that the Neighbourhood Plan proceed to referendum.

3. Decisions and Reasons

3.1 With the Examiner’s recommended modifications the Roade Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, is compatible with EU obligations and the Convention rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Section 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

3.2 The referendum for the Roade Neighbourhood Plan took place in Roade on 20 June 2019 in accordance with Neighbourhood Planning (Referendum) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
3.3 More than 50% of those who voted, voted ‘Yes’ in response to this question. 534 people voted in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan with 33 against, providing a majority vote of 94.2%, with only 5.8% voting ‘no’.

3.4 There was also a 24.4% overall turnout on the day. The results of the Referendum have been publicised on the Council’s website.

3.5 Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) requires that the Council must ‘make’ the neighbourhood plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan.

3.6 South Northamptonshire Council has assessed that the plan, including its preparation, does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

3.7 In accordance with the Regulations, Roade Neighbourhood Plan is ‘made’ and planning applications in the parish must be considered against the Roade Neighbourhood Development Plan, as well as existing planning policy documents.

4.0 Hard copies

4.1 The final version of the ‘Made’ plan can be viewed after Full Council, on the Councils website through the following link: https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/info/47/neighbourhood-plans/37/roade-neighbourhood-plan

Or alternatively hard copies of the documents will also be available for inspection, after Full Council at the following venues:

- The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 6AD (during opening hours 9:00am and 5:00pm )

- The Roade Library, High St, Roade NN7 2NW (for opening times please check with the specific venue).

On request the plans can also be made available in different formats.

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