

## **Adoption Decision Statement**

### **Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Review 2023-2040**

#### **Decision**

Following an independent examination, West Suffolk Council decided on 17 December 2024, in accordance with section 38A (11) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to 'make' the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Review 2023-2040.

#### **Background**

The neighbourhood plan is a review of the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan (2018). Schedule A2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Section 38A (11) introduces a process for the modification of neighbourhood plans.

On 2 October 2024 West Suffolk Council (the council) received the independent examiner's report into the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Review. The examiner determined that a referendum was not necessary as the proposed modifications to the existing Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan (2018) although material in some cases, are not so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the made plan. The examiner concluded the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Review meets the basic conditions and is compliant with legal and procedural requirements and recommended that West Suffolk make the plan review subject to modifications specified in their report.

In accordance with Paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and Regulation 18 of the 2012 Regulations, the council fully accepts all of the recommended modifications of the examiner in relation to the Hargrave Neighbourhood Development Plan Review and the examiner's reasons for making the modifications. The council has modified the plan in conjunction with Hargrave Parish Council in line with the examiner's recommendations.

The council is required by Schedule A2 of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) to make the plan as soon as reasonably practicable if recommended in the examiner's report, unless doing so would breach, or otherwise be incompatible with, any EU or human rights obligations. The modified plan proposal is considered by West Suffolk Council to comply with the basic conditions and other statutory requirements.

The neighbourhood plan review and examiner's report were considered by the council on 17 December 2024 and it was decided to 'make' the Hargrave Neighbourhood Development Plan Review as part of the development plan for Hargrave Parish. In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), the determination of planning applications will need to be made in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

This decision statement, the independent examiner's report, the plan and supporting documents are available online at:

[Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Review 2023-2024](#)

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Please note that all references to primary and secondary legislation are to those enactments as amended.