

**Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Schedule 4B (as applied by s38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

**Final decision statement for Freckenham Neighbourhood Plan**

Freckenham Parish Council have prepared a neighbourhood development plan. On 20 February 2025 a referendum was held in the designated neighbourhood area (see plan below), in which more than half of those who voted did so **in favour** of the referendum question:

"Do you want West Suffolk Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Freckenham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

Accordingly, on 18 March 2025 West Suffolk Council decided to '**make**' (adopt) the plan.

**This decision statement confirms that as of 18 March 2025, the Freckenham Neighbourhood Plan as 'made' has become part of the statutory development plan for West Suffolk and will be used where relevant to help the council decide planning applications within the designated area, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.**

**Reasons for decision:**

The plan has been independently examined and agreed by both the examiner and West Suffolk Council to meet the basic conditions; it has been endorsed by the community having been subject to a referendum and has otherwise complied with all the legal requirements of neighbourhood plan production. It is considered that the plan meets European legislation and is compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998.

**Availability:**

The Freckenham Neighbourhood Plan along with this decision statement and other supporting documents may be inspected on the council's website at [Neighbourhood Planning in Freckenham](#).

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**West Suffolk Council  
19 March 2025**

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

# **Freckenham Neighbourhood Plan Area**



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