

Post examination decision statement

Withersfield Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 18 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

On 23 January 2026 West Suffolk Council (the council) received the independent examiner's report into the Withersfield Neighbourhood Plan.

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 Withersfield Neighbourhood Development Plan (the plan) and adopts the examiner's reasons for making the modifications.

The council will modify the plan in conjunction with Withersfield Parish Council in line with the examiner's recommendations. The referendum version of the Withersfield Neighbourhood Plan, (the version incorporating all of the required modifications) will be published as soon as it is practical to do so. The referendum area is to be limited to the proposed plan area as approved by West Suffolk Council on 24 January 2020.

This decision has been made by the Head of Planning through delegated powers.

This decision statement the independent examiner's report and the plan documents are available online at: [Neighbourhood Planning in Withersfield](#)

In accordance with the examiner's recommendation, the Withersfield Neighbourhood Development Plan will proceed to a public referendum scheduled for **Thursday 7 May 2026** Further details of the arrangements for the referendum will be available closer to this date.

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23 February 2026

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