

Post examination decision statement

Wickhambrook Neighbourhood Plan

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

On 4 August 2025 West Suffolk Council (the council) received the independent examiner's report into the Wickhambrook 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 Wickhambrook Neighbourhood Development Plan (the plan) and adopts the examiner's reasons for making the modifications. The council has modified the plan in conjunction with Wickhambrook Parish Council in line with the examiner's recommendations. The modified plan proposal (the referendum version) is available online and is considered by West Suffolk Council to comply with the basic conditions and other statutory requirements.

The council has therefore approved the 'referendum version' of the Wickhambrook Neighbourhood Development Plan to proceed to referendum. The referendum area is to be limited to the proposed plan area as approved by West Suffolk Council on 3 April 2023.

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:

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/wickhambrookplan

In accordance with the examiner's recommendation, the Wickhambrook Neighbourhood Development Plan will proceed to a public referendum scheduled for **Thursday 13 November 2025**. Further details of the arrangements for the referendum will be available closer to this date.

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19 September 2025

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