

**Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Schedule 4B (as applied by s38A & 38C of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004)
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

**DECISION STATEMENT –
HARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

On 12 July 2018 a Referendum was held for the parish of Hargrave (the designated Neighbourhood Area attached as Appendix 2), in which more than half of those who voted did so **in favour** of the Referendum question: *“Do you want St Edmundsbury Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Hargrave to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”*

Accordingly, at full Council on 17 July 2018 St Edmundsbury Borough Council decided to **“make”** (adopt) the Plan.

This Decision Statement confirms that as at 17 July 2018, the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan as “made” has become part of the statutory Development Plan for the Area and will be used where relevant to help the Borough Council (West Suffolk Council after April 2019) decide planning applications within the parish of Hargrave (Appendix 2), unless material considerations indicate otherwise, (s38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).

Reasons for Decision:

- On 8 May 2018 St Edmundsbury Borough Council (the Council) received the independent Examiner’s report into the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan under Paragraph 10 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act.
- In accordance with Paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act and Regulation 18(1) of the 2012 Regulations, the Council fully accepted all of the recommended modifications of the Examiner in relation to the Hargrave neighbourhood development plan (the Plan) and adopted 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 endorsed recommendations. The modified plan proposal (The Referendum version) is available online, and is considered by St Edmundsbury Borough Council to comply with the basic conditions and other statutory requirements.
- The Council therefore approved the “Referendum version” of the plan proposal to proceed to Referendum. The referendum area is limited to the parish of Hargrave, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan Area and

the Examiner's recommendations. The Post-Examination (Regulation 18) decision statement, the Council's assessment of the Referendum version of the plan proposal, the independent Examiner's report, other relevant documents, including the Referendum Statement and Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan itself is available online:

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/hargraveplan

- The local referendum was held on 12 July 2018. The local referendum question was: *'Do you want St Edmundsbury Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Hargrave to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'*
- After the Referendum on 12 July 2018, the 'Declaration of Result' published on 13 July demonstrates that more than 50% of those who voted, were in favour of the Referendum question.
- The results of the Referendum were as follows:

Response	Votes cast	Percentage of total
Yes	<i>88</i>	<i>88%</i>
No	<i>12</i>	<i>12%</i>
Total	<i>100/234</i>	<i>100%</i>

- S34A(4) of the 2004 Act and Regulation 18(1) of the 2012 Regulations requires the borough council to "make" the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan within eight weeks of a favourable Referendum outcome.

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

