

Arun District Council Local Planning Authority

Aldingbourne Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2034 DECISION STATEMENT

Prepared by: Donna Moles (ADC Neighbourhood Development Plan Officer)
November 2015

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Council has a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of neighbourhood development plans and orders and to take plans through a process of examination and referendum. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 chapter 3) sets out the Local Planning Authority's responsibilities under Neighbourhood Planning.
- 1.2 Following an Independent examination and hearing, Arun District Council confirms formal acceptance of the recommendations outlined in the Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Plan Examination Report. The Examiner recommended that the Neighbourhood Plan should not proceed to Referendum as further work is required. This report confirms that the recommendations proposed by the examiner's report have been accepted by Aldingbourne Parish Council and Arun District Council and the draft Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan will not proceed to referendum. The Report has been published on the Arun District Council website at <http://www.arun.gov.uk/aldingbourne-neighbourhood-development-plan>

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan relates to the area that was designated by Arun District Council as a neighbourhood area on 31st October 2013. This area is coterminous with the Aldingbourne Parish Council boundary that lies within the Arun District Council Local Planning Authority Area.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and representations were invited. The publicity period ended on 19th August 2015.
- 2.3 Ms Sheila Holden was appointed by Arun District Council with the consent of the Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan and to prepare a report of the independent examination.

2.4 The Examiner’s Report concludes that, the Plan cannot proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum.

3.0 DECISION

3.1 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires the local planning authority to outline what action to take in response to the recommendations of an examiner made in a report under paragraph 10 of Schedule 4A to the 1990 Act (as applied by Section 38A of the 2004 Act) in relation to a neighbourhood development plan.

3.2 Having considered each of the recommendations made by the examiner’s report, the conclusion, and the reasons for them, Arun District Council in consent with Aldingbourne Parish Council have agreed with the Examiner’s conclusion that this Plan cannot proceed to referendum.

3.3 The Parish council will therefore review the Examiner’s Report and recommendations and review the Plan accordingly. The Parish will engage with the community and the Plan will undergo further statutory public consultation from Regulation 14 stage.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 I confirm, that the **Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011-2034**, does not comply with the legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011, and therefore cannot proceed to referendum.

4.2 I am taking the above mentioned decision as I concur with the advice contained in the above report in response to the recommendations of the examiner made in a report under paragraph 10 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act (as applied by section 38a of the 2004 Act) in relation to the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

4.3 I declare that I have no personal or prejudicial interest in respect of this decision.

Signed:

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Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration

Date:

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Decision published on: 18th December 2015