

# Chichester District Council

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## Selsey Neighbourhood Plan 2014 - 2029

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### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **That the Decision Statement as set out in the appendix be published.**
- 2.2. **That the examiner's recommendation that the Neighbourhood Development Plan proceed to referendum, subject to modifications as set out in the Decision Statement, be approved.**

### 3. Background

- 3.1. The examination into the Selsey Neighbourhood Plan has now been completed and the [examiner's report](#) published. The examiner's summary and conclusion at the beginning of the report is of particular note as it clearly sets out the examiner's general findings. A copy of the draft submission [neighbourhood plan](#) is also available on the website.
- 3.2. The examiner has carefully considered the contents of the Selsey Neighbourhood Plan in relation to the requirements of the Basic Conditions. In order to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan meets these requirements the Examiner recommends a number of modifications that should be made to the Plan. Subject to the inclusion of these modifications (which relate principally to revisions to the wording and content of policies), he finds that the Plan would meet the basic conditions.
- 3.3. On the basis that the Plan is amended to accommodate the identified modifications, the examiner then goes on to recommend that the draft Plan as modified should proceed to referendum.
- 3.4. The Decision Statement (attached as an appendix to this report) sets out the examiner's recommended modifications along with the justification for each of them. This Decision Statement has been produced jointly with Selsey Town Council.
- 3.5. It is also the examiner's role to consider the referendum area and whether or not it is appropriate if the Plan is to proceed to referendum. In this respect the examiner considers that the referendum area should extend to the Plan area,

comprising the parish boundary in accordance with the designated area as confirmed on 4 December 2012.

#### **4. Outcomes to be Achieved**

- 4.1. A referendum on a community based statutory plan that can be used to identify local features of importance and to guide future development in the neighbourhood plan area.

#### **5. Proposal**

- 5.1. In the light of the examiner's recommendation, it is proposed that the Decision Statement is agreed for publication. It is further proposed that the Selsey Neighbourhood Plan should be modified as set out in the Decision Statement and should then proceed to referendum.

#### **6. Alternatives Considered**

- 6.1. The Examiner has recommended amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan to meet the basic conditions. These amendments are acceptable and, therefore, with these in place the Neighbourhood Plan can move forward to referendum. The alternative is to make only some of the recommended changes or not to proceed to referendum. These alternatives could lead to legal challenge, reputational damage and damage to community relationships. The parish and community have invested considerable time and effort in producing the neighbourhood plan and therefore the plan should be supported and the alternative to not proceed to referendum is not recommended.

#### **7. Resource and Legal Implications**

- 7.1. The referendum will incur standard costs in line with the Council's duties and procedures. These costs will be met through existing budgets.

#### **8. Consultation**

- 8.1. Selsey Town Council and the local members have been involved in the completion of the Decision Statement and have agreed its contents.

#### **9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks**

- 9.1. The Selsey Neighbourhood Plan, subject to successful referendum, will, in all likelihood become a 'made' plan and form part of the development plan for the area. As a result it provides an important mechanism through which the community can influence the way in which the area is developed.

#### **10. Other Implications**

<b>Are there any implications for the following?</b>		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Crime and Disorder</b>		✓

<b>Climate Change</b>		✓
<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact</b>		✓
<b>Safeguarding and Early Help</b>		✓
<b>General Data Protection Regulations</b>		✓
<b>Other</b> (please specify)		✓

## **11. Appendix**

11.1 Selsey Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement

## **12. Background Papers**

12.1. None