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Chidham and Hambrook Parish Neighbourhood Plan

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2. Recommendations

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 Chidham and Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan Submission 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.

3.2. The examiner has carefully considered the contents of the Chidham and Hambrook 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), she 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 be submitted for 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 Chidham and Hambrook Parish 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 3 December 2013.

4. Outcomes to be achieved

- 4.1. That the Decision Statement for the Chidham and Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan is agreed for publication and that the Plan, subject to the modifications set out in the Decision Statement, proceeds to referendum.

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 Chidham and Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan should be modified as set out in the Decision Statement and should then proceed to referendum.

6. Alternatives that have been 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. There may also be a negative community impact if the Chidham and Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan is not agreed to proceed to referendum. The parish and community may lose confidence in the neighbourhood planning process. Consequently the alternative to not proceed to referendum is not recommended.

7. Resource and legal implications

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

8. Consultation

- 8.1. Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council and the local member have been involved in the completion of the Decision Statement and have agreed its contents.

9. Community impact and corporate risks

- 9.1. The Chidham and Hambrook 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 such it will be beneficial to the local community and allow them to influence the way in which the area is developed..

10. Other Implications

Crime & Disorder:	None
Climate Change:	None
Human Rights and Equality Impact:	None
Safeguarding and Early Help:	None

11. Appendix

11.1 Chidham and Hambrook Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement.

12. Background Papers

12.1. None