

COUNCIL MEETING - 11 DECEMBER 2018

KINGS CLIPSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek the Council's approval to call a referendum for the Kings Clipstone Neighbourhood Plan.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The Kings Clipstone Neighbourhood Plan was presented to the District Council in August 2018. Following the required process of public consultation, the Plan was submitted to an independent Inspector for examination in October 2018. The Inspector recommends proceeding to a referendum and it is now necessary to seek the approval of Full Council to do so.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Kings Clipstone Neighbourhood Area was designated in June 2014. Since then, the Parish Council has been working on their Neighbourhood Plan with the assistance of District Council Planning Officers. The first stage of public consultation was carried out on a draft Plan in October and November 2017. Following consideration of responses, a revised Neighbourhood Plan was produced.
- 3.2 The Kings Clipstone Design Guide was produced as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. It is intended to assist in the preparation of planning applications and to encourage development proposals that reinforce local distinctiveness. The Design Guide examines the way in which the character of Kings Clipstone is shaped by its setting and history and also looks at different character areas in the village.
- 3.3 The Submission version of the Kings Clipstone Neighbourhood Plan was subject to public consultation between 29 August 2018 and 12 October 2018. Copies of the Plan and the Design Guide were made available on the District Council's and the Parish Council's websites, at the District Council's offices and at local libraries. Sixteen consultation responses were received including one from District Council Planning Officers.
- 3.4 On 17 October 2018, the Submission Kings Clipstone Neighbourhood Plan, the Kings Clipstone Design Guide and supporting documents were submitted to an independent Inspector for examination. The examination was carried out by written representation and the Inspector has now issued her report, which concludes that subject to her recommended modifications, the Plan meets the Basic Conditions. The modified Plan should therefore proceed to referendum.

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 Following input from Democratic Services and liaison with the Parish Council, a date of 31 January 2019 has been identified for the referendum. A Neighbourhood Planning Referendum runs in accordance with a statutory five to six week timetable. The first stage in the referendum will be the publication of the Information Statement and the Notice of Referendum. After this, polling cards will be sent to all electors.

4.2 It is the District Council's responsibility to prepare a version of the Neighbourhood Plan incorporating the Inspector's modifications. It is this version that will be subject to the referendum. Kings Clipstone Parish Council have accepted the suggested modifications. Work on producing a 'referendum version' of the Neighbourhood Plan will begin following this meeting of Full Council. This document and the Inspector's report will be published on the District Council's website in advance of the Notice of Referendum.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 The District Council is responsible for paying for the referendum, but funds will be provided by central Government to cover the expense.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

a) the report be noted; and

b) the Chief Executive, acting as Returning Officer, be authorised to arrange a referendum for the Kings Clipstone Neighbourhood Plan to be held on 31 January 2019.

Background Papers

Submission Kings Clipstone Neighbourhood Plan

Kings Clipstone Design Guide

Kings Clipstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Report

Available at: <http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/planningpolicy/neighbourhoodplanning/>

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