



Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan

Decision Statement

Background

North Hertfordshire District Council approved the application for the Parish of Pirton to be designated as a neighbourhood area at Cabinet on 28 January 2014 to enable the preparation of a neighbourhood plan for the Parish. Pirton Parish Council subsequently commenced preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan in consultation with the local community.

The Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan submission version was then submitted to North Hertfordshire District Council who undertook the statutory consultation in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (2012) between 9 February and 23 March 2017.

The District Council, with the agreement of Pirton Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Ann Skippers, to undertake an examination into the Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan. The examination was carried out by written representations and the examiners report was issued on 19 December 2017.

The Examiner recommended a number of modifications were made to the Plan to ensure it meets the necessary basic conditions. The Examiner concluded in the report as follows:

I am satisfied that the Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan, subject to the modifications I have recommended, meets the basic conditions and the other statutory requirements outlined earlier in this report.

I am therefore pleased to recommend to North Hertfordshire District Council that, subject to the modifications proposed in this report, the Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan can proceed to a referendum.

Decision

The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (2012), Regulation 81, requires the local planning authority to decide what action to take with the examiner's recommended modifications to the Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan as set out in her report.

North Hertfordshire District Council at a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 23 January 2018 considered the Examiner's recommended modifications to the Plan and accepted all the proposed modifications in the Examiner's report. The reason for this decision is to ensure that the Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions, and will be a robust planning document.

The Council's Cabinet report, Examiners Report and copy of the Pirton Neighbourhood Plan including proposed modifications can be viewed on the Council's website at: <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/approved-neighbourhood-areas-pirton>

Next steps

The Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan will now be subject of a Referendum in the designated Pirton Neighbourhood Planning Area, the Parish of Pirton.

The date of the forthcoming referendum will March 8 2018