

## **DECISION STATEMENT FOR THE MAKING OF THE HYTHE AND DIBDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2018-2026**

### **Decision**

Following an Independent Examination and a positive referendum result, New Forest District Council (NFDC) and the New Forest National Park Authority (NFNPA) have decided pursuant to section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, to 'make' the Hythe and Dibden Neighbourhood Plan (the 'Plan'). For NFDC this decision was made on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019, and for the NFNPA this was made on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### **Background**

In February 2019, Hythe & Dibden Parish Council submitted its draft Neighbourhood Plan and supporting material to NFDC and the NFNPA. An independent Examiner was appointed, and their report was received in June 2019. The Examiner's Report concluded that the Hythe & Dibden Neighbourhood Plan would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

NFDC and the NFNPA considered the recommendations and modifications contained in the Examiner's Report at their respective meetings of 9 September 2019 and 29 August 2019. In accordance with the Examiner's Report, the two planning authorities agreed that the legal requirements and basic conditions had been met.

### **The Referendum**

New Forest District Council held a referendum on 29 October 2019 for the Neighbourhood Plan area. A majority (85%) of those voting in the referendum voted in favour of the Plan. No other issues have become known that would suggest that the planning authorities should decline to make the Plan.

The referendum result is as follows:

Response	Votes	Percentage
YES	2019	85%
NO	346	15%
Turnout	14.6%	

### **The area covered by the Hythe & Dibden Neighbourhood Plan**

The Neighbourhood Plan area covers the area of Hythe & Dibden Parish only. The Neighbourhood Area covers land within both New Forest District and the New Forest National Park and has therefore been formally 'made' by both local planning authorities.

## **What this means for the Hythe & Dibden Neighbourhood Plan area**

In England, development plans are used to set out the planning policies for the development and use of land. Planning applications are determined by local planning authorities such as New Forest District Council and the New Forest National Park Authority. Planning decisions are made in accordance with the adopted development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Now 'made', the Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the statutory development plan for Hythe & Dibden parish. The Neighbourhood Plan joins the adopted New Forest District Local Plan Part One: Core Strategy (2009) and Part Two: Sites and Development Management (2014), and the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan (2019) as forming the main elements of the statutory development plan for the parish. The Neighbourhood Plan and its policies will be given full weight when assessing planning applications within the parish of Hythe & Dibden.

### **For further information**

In accordance with Regulations 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the adopted Hythe & Dibden Neighbourhood Plan is available on the New Forest District Council and New Forest National Park Authority websites as set out below:

- NFDC - <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/14180>
- NFNPA - <https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/>

This Decision Statement and the made Hythe & Dibden Neighbourhood Plan can also be inspected during normal opening hours at:

- New Forest District Council, Appletree Court, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst, SO43 7PA.
- New Forest National Park Authority, Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, Lymington, SO41 9ZG.
- Hythe & Dibden Parish Council, The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe, Hampshire, SO45 6BZ.

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