



Babergh District Council

Adoption of the Bentley Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037

Dated: 12 December 2022

Decision:

Babergh District Council has decided to 'make' (adopt) the Bentley Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037 (the Plan) as part of its statutory development plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The decision comes after a referendum was held in the parish at which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the Plan being used to help determine planning applications.

Reason for decision:

Bentley Parish Council have prepared a Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the relevant regulations.

The Plan was independently examined by Ann Skippers BSc (Hons) MRTPI FHEA FRSA AoU. The final report, published on 12 August 2022, set out a number of detailed modifications but concluded that, subject to all of these being made, the Plan meets the basic conditions set out in Paragraph 8(2), Schedule 4B the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

On 22 August 2022, Babergh District Council published a statement confirming that the proposed modifications should be made in full and that subject to that task being satisfactorily completed, the Plan should proceed to a local referendum.

The referendum, which took place on 8 December 2022, posed the following question: '*Do you want Babergh District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Bentley to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*'

The declared result was as follows:

Response	No. of Votes Cast	Percentage of Total
Yes	230	90.55%
No	24	9.45%
Other	0	-
Total	254	100%

The result means that Babergh District Council must now 'make' (adopt) the Bentley Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that it would be in breach of any EU obligations or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). The Council is satisfied that the Bentley Neighbourhood Plan is not in breach of these obligations.

Other information:

This Decision Statement, the adopted Bentley Neighbourhood Plan, and other relevant documents can be viewed online at: www.babergh.gov.uk/BentleyNP