



## Babergh District Council

### Adoption of Whatfield Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037

**Dated: 2 March 2022**

#### **Decision:**

Babergh District Council has decided to 'make' (adopt) the Whatfield Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018 - 2037 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:**

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

The Plan was independently examined by Janet Cheesley BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI. The final report, published in April 2021, concluded that subject to modifications the Plan meets the basic conditions set out in Paragraph 8(2), Schedule 4B the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

On 5 July 2021, Babergh Cabinet agreed that the proposed modifications should be made in full and that subject to that task being satisfactorily completed, that the Plan should proceed to a local referendum.

The referendum, which took place on 24 February 2022, posed the following question: '*Do you want Babergh District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Whatfield to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*'

The declared result was:

<b>Response</b>	<b>No. of Votes Cast</b>	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
Yes	109	97.32%
No	3	2.68%
Other	0	-
<i>Total</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>100%</i>

The result means the District Council must now 'make' (adopt) the Whatfield 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). At its meeting on 5 July 2021, the Council decided that the Plan was not in breach of these obligations.

#### **Other information:**

This Decision Statement, the Whatfield Neighbourhood Plan and other relevant documents can be viewed online at: [www.babergh.gov.uk/WhatfieldNP](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/WhatfieldNP)