



**Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council**

Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan - Decision Statement in relation to the Examiner's Report

13 November 2025

Regulation 18 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Summary

Following an independent examination of Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan, the council have considered all of the information available and this Decision Statement outlines the Local Planning Authority's (LPA) decision to "make" the Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan following a successful referendum, the reasons for this are outlined later in this decision statement.

Background

Dadlington & Sutton Cheney Parish Council embarked on creating a neighbourhood plan for Dadlington in 2019. The neighbourhood plan covers the area of Dadlington only, following the electoral polling boundary for Dadlington village (electoral polling area code AAC). The neighbourhood area was consulted on between Friday 16 August and Friday 27 September 2019, and was formally designated on 14 October 2019. The neighbourhood area decision and map can be found on the HBBC website.

It was determined that a SEA/HRA was not required following a consultation with the three statutory bodies: Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency. The decision was published in the determination notice dated 27 January 2023, available on the HBBC website.

Proposals were then subject to public consultation via the Parish Council, under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended, between Monday 26 February to Monday 8 April 2024.

The Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to the Local Planning Authority in January 2025 and was subject to Regulation 16 Submission Consultation, via the Local Planning Authority, between 7 March and 22 April 2025.

The Borough Council, with the agreement of Dadlington & Sutton Cheney Parish Council appointed an independent Examiner, Mr Chris Collison to examine whether the review of the Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The Examiner's Report recommends modifications to policies and modifications to the supporting content in the Plan, including corrections, to provide clarity in order to ensure that the Basic Conditions are met. Overall, the Examiner's Report (9 October 2025) concludes as follows:

I have recommended 8 modifications to the Submission Version Plan. I recommend an additional modification in the Annex to my report. The definition of plans and programmes in Article 2(a) of EU Directive 2001/42 includes any modifications to them. I am satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan is compatible with the Convention Rights, and would remain compatible if modified in accordance with my recommendations; and subject to the modifications I have recommended, meets all the Statutory Requirements set out in paragraph 8(1) of schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and meets the Basic Conditions:

- having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan;*
- the making of the neighbourhood plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;*
- the making of the neighbourhood plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area);*
- does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations; and*
- the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.*

I recommend to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council that the Dadlington Neighbourhood Development Plan for the plan period up to 2041 should, subject to the modifications I have put forward, be submitted to referendum.

I am required to consider whether the referendum area should extend beyond the Neighbourhood Plan area and if to be extended, the nature of that extension. I have seen nothing to suggest that the policies of the Plan will have "a substantial, direct and demonstrable impact beyond the neighbourhood area". I have seen nothing to suggest the referendum area should be extended for any other reason.

I conclude the referendum area should not be extended beyond the designated Neighbourhood Area. I recommend that the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum based on the area that was designated by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council as a Neighbourhood Area on 14 October 2019.

Decision

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Regulation 18 requires the local planning authority to outline what action to take in response to the recommendations of an examiner made in a report under paragraph 10 of Schedule 4a to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as applied by Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).

Having considered the recommendations made in the examiner's report, and the reasons for them, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council has agreed to accept the modifications made to the draft plan under paragraph 12(6) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in response to the Examiner's recommendations/modifications. The Modifications Table is a supplementary document available alongside this report, and contains the Council's commentary alongside each modification.

The Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to referendum, dates to be determined, and the neighbourhood area will be the referendum boundary.

Where to view this Decision Notice

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