



Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

**Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan - Decision Statement - Regulation 19 of The
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

Introduction

Following a positive referendum result Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the Dadlington Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Borough Council's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

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 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...

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 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 to proceed to referendum

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 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 online.

As a result, the Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan was to be subject to referendum, held on Thursday 5 February 2026.

The Scheme of Delegation and Council Constitution gives the Director of Environment and Planning delegated authority for the approval of proceeding neighbourhood plans to the referendum stage and for the making of Neighbourhood Development Plans following a successful result at referendum.

Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act as amended, the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016 requires that the Council must 'make' the Neighbourhood Plan within 8 weeks if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the Plan.

Decisions and Reasons

With the Examiner's recommended modifications the Dadlington Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 48 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, is compatible with EU obligations and the Convention Rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Sections 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended. The Borough Council has also assessed that the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

The referendum held on Thursday 5 February 2026 in the designated area of Dadlington, within the Parish of Sutton Cheney & Dadlington, posed the question: 'Do you want Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Dadlington to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

The count took place following the close of the poll on Thursday 5 February 2026. The results of the referendum were as follows:

| | Votes Recorded | Percentage |
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| Number cast in favour of a Yes | 58 | 96.7% |
| Number cast in favour of a No | 2 | 3.3% |

| The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows: | | Number of ballot papers |
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| A | want of an official mark | 0 |
| B | voting for more answers than required | 0 |
| C | writing or mark by which voter could be identified | 0 |
| D | being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty | 0 |
| E | rejected in part | 0 |

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| Total | 0 |
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Electorate: 197

Ballot Papers Issued: 60

Turnout: 30.4%

Therefore it is confirmed that more than half of those voting have voted in favour the Neighbourhood Plan. In accordance with the regulations, Dadlington Neighbourhood Development Plan is 'made' and planning applications within the Neighbourhood Area must be considered against the Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan, as well as existing national and local planning policy such as the National Planning Policy Framework and Guidance, and the Borough Council's Local Plan.

Where to view this Decision Notice

This Decision Statement and the referendum results may be viewed online on the borough council's website, and BY PRIOR REQUEST ONLY at the following address: Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Hinckley Hub, Rugby Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 0FR.

Please contact Planning Policy if you require more information.

Signed: Fran Morris, Senior Planning Officer, 12/02/2026, on behalf of Kirstie Rea, Planning Manager (Policy).