



## Babergh District Council

### Adoption of the Leavenheath Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2037

**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

#### **Decision:**

Babergh District Council has decided to 'make' (adopt) the Leavenheath Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 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:**

Leavenheath 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 December 2022, 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 31 January 2023, 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 19 July 2023, posed the following question: '*Do you want Babergh District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Leavenheath to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*'

The declared result was as follows:

<b>Response</b>	<b>No. of Votes Cast</b>	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
Yes	247	86.97%
No	36	12.70%
Other	1	0.33%
Total	284	100%

The result means that the District Council must now 'make' (adopt) the Leavenheath 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 Leavenheath Neighbourhood Plan is not in breach of these obligations.

#### **Other information:**

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