

26 October 2023



**MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL  
OFFICER DECISIONS NOTICE**

**OFFICER DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS BY  
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE – MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**THIS IS NOT A KEY DECISION**

The following decision has been taken by Officer Delegation and will come into effect on 26 October 2023.

**Officer Delegated Decision made on 26 October 2023**

**Decision:** To 'make' (adopt) the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan 2021 - 2038 as part of the District Council's development plan and to issue a statement to this effect within the prescribed period.

**Key Decision:** No

**Subject to Call In:** No

**Reason for Decision:** To enable Mid Suffolk District Council to meet its statutory obligation under Regulation 18A(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 by 'making' (adopting) the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan within the prescribed time period.

Background:

This decision notice relates to Mid Suffolk District Council. A similar decision will be made by South Norfolk Council.

The Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan (the 'DDNP') comprises seven parishes across Mid Suffolk and South Norfolk. It has been prepared with assistance from officers at both local authorities, and in accordance with relevant regulations.

A referendum was held on 28 September 2023 at which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the DDNP. In this case, this plan must now be 'made' (adopted) by the relevant local planning authorities within a prescribed 8-week time period. In light of the declared result, no other option can be considered.

The District Council is only able to exercise further discretion at this point if it considers that the DDNP would be in breach of any EU obligations or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act, 1998). Both Councils were satisfied that the DDNP was not in breach of these obligations.

The Council is also satisfied the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan, as modified by the Examiner's Recommendations, complies with the basic conditions as set out in Paragraph 8(2), Schedule 4B the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

The 'making' (adoption) of the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan will enable the relevant Parish Councils to now receive 25% of any Community Infrastructure Levy receipts arising from newly granted development proposals arising in the designated plan area.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** None

**Any Declarations of Interest Declared:** Not applicable

**Any Dispensation Granted:** Not applicable