

Babergh District Council



Adoption of the Lawshall NP Review 2021 - 2037

Dated: 19 April 2024

Lawshall Parish Council have prepared an updated version of their Neighbourhood Plan. They were aided by a consultant and have also been supported by officers at Babergh District Council.

The Decision:

In accordance with the recommendation set out in the Independent Examiners report, Babergh District Council has decided to 'make' (adopt) the Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan Review 2021 - 2037 [the Lawshall NP Review] as part of its development plan framework. This review plan now replaces the previously adopted Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan 2016 - 2036.

Reason for the decision:

The Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan 2016 - 2036 was adopted by Babergh District Council in October 2017. An updated version of this plan, the Lawshall NP Review, has been prepared in accordance with the relevant regulations, and has been independently examined by Ann Skippers BSc (Hons) MRTPI FHEA FRSA AoU. In her final report, published in February 2024, she concluded that:

- the Review Plan did not include modifications that were so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the already made (2017) Plan,
- that the Review Plan did not need to go a new referendum, *and*
- that Babergh District Council should make (adopt) the Lawshall Review Plan subject to implementation of the further proposed modifications set out in her report.

Acceptance of the further proposed modifications, which related to matters of precision and clarity and to ensure that the basic conditions were satisfactorily met, was confirmed in a Decision Statement published by the District Council in March 2024. The final version of the plan was signed-off by the District Council in early April 2024.

The only other circumstance in which this Council could not 'make' (adopt) the Lawshall NP Review would be if it considered 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 Lawshall NP Review is not in breach of those obligations.

Other information:

This Decision Statement, the now adopted Lawshall NP Review 2021 - 2037, and all other relevant documents can all be viewed online at:

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/web/babergh/w/lawshall-neighbourhood-plan>

[Printed copies of the Review Plan can be made available on request. A printing and postage fee may apply]