



Uppingham Neighbourhood Development Plan (Review) 2022 – 2041

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 –

Regulation 20: Neighbourhood Plan Adoption Statement

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Rutland County Council (RCC) has a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans and Orders and to take plans through a process of examination, referendum and adoption. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 Chapter 3) sets out the Local Planning Authority's responsibilities under Neighbourhood Planning.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Uppingham Neighbourhood Development Plan (Review) relates to the area that was designated by Rutland County Council as a neighbourhood area on the 26th November 2012 which designated the whole of the Uppingham Parish and a small part of Ayston parish which is adjacent to/south of the A47 as the Uppingham Neighbourhood Area.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Development Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised, and representations were invited. The publicity period ran between Friday 22nd September and Friday 3rd November 2023.
- 2.3 Mr Andrew Ashcroft BA (Hons) MA, DMS, MRTPI was appointed by Rutland County Council with the agreement of Uppingham Town Council, to undertake the examination of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Development Plan and to prepare a report of the independent examination.
- 2.4 The independent examiner concluded that a hearing was necessary to consider the way in which the Neighbourhood Plan has proposed the allocation of housing sites. The hearing was held on Friday 12th April 2024 in the Uppingham Town Hall.
- 2.5 Following the hearing, Uppingham Town Council produced additional evidence to support their Regulation 16 Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Comments were invited on the post-hearing proposed modifications to the Plan. The publicity period ran from Monday 27th January 2025 to Monday 10th March 2025. All representations received were passed to the Examiner to continue the examination of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2.6 The examiner's report concludes that subject to making the modifications recommended by the examiner, the Plan meets the basic conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.
- 2.7 On Thursday 24th July 2025, the Uppingham Neighbourhood Development Plan successfully passed referendum with 397 (77%) of the votes cast agreeing that the

Uppingham Neighbourhood Development Plan can be used by Rutland County Council for the determination of planning applications.

- 2.8 On 12th September 2023, Cabinet agreed that the Director of Places in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Property and Economic Development be authorised to 'make' the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for Rutland following a successful referendum.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 I confirm that the Uppingham Neighbourhood Development Plan (Review) 2022 to 2041, Submission Plan (incorporating the Examiners modifications as per the RCC Decision Statement), complies with the legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011, and as a result of the Cabinet resolution on 12th September 2023 has been 'made' with immediate effect. The Decision, Neighbourhood Plan and details where these documents can be inspected are published on the Rutland County Council Website. This information has also been brought to the attention of people who live, work and carry out businesses in the Neighbourhood Plan area.
- 3.2 I confirm that the Uppingham Neighbourhood Development Plan (Review) 2022-2041 is part of the Development Plan of the Rutland County Council Local Planning Authority Area as defined at Area Designation by Rutland County Council 26th November 2012. This means that the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are now given full weight when decision makers assess Planning applications in the parish of Uppingham.
- 3.3 I am taking the above-mentioned decision as I concur with the advice contained in the above report under the 1990 Act in relation to the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 3.4 I declare that I have no personal or prejudicial interest in respect of this decision.



Signed:

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Strategic Director for Places, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Property and Economic Development

Date: 01/08/25

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