

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	<b>I090174</b>
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1. **TITLE:** Publication of the decision statement and the submission of the Crowthorne Neighbourhood Plan to a referendum

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Place, Planning & Regeneration

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To agree the publication of the decision statement and the submission of the Crowthorne Neighbourhood Plan to a referendum.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Planning & Transport

6. **DECISION:**

That the Executive Member for Planning and Transport agrees the:

- 1 form, content and publication of the 'Decision Statement' (set out in Appendix A of the report to the Executive Member) pursuant to Regulation 18; and
- 2 submission of the modified Crowthorne Neighbourhood Plan to a local community referendum on the making of the Crowthorne Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to paragraph 14 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) ("the Act") on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 unless future legislation allows for an earlier date; and,
- 3 referendum area be restricted to the neighbourhood area as designated by the Council on 15 June 2016 as the Crowthorne Parish Neighbourhood Area.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The Council has a statutory duty, as set out in paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B of the Act and Regulation 18 of the Regulations, to consider the recommendations made by the Examiner and if satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions, to issue a 'Decision Statement'. The Council is subsequently required to arrange and hold a referendum on the making of the Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with paragraph 14 of Schedule 4B of the Act.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

An alternative option is for the Council to refuse the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, if it is not satisfied. The 'Decision Statement' would need to be issued setting out the reasons for this decision (paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B of the Act and Regulation 18). Given that the independent Examiner of the Neighbourhood Plan has recommended modifications that ensure that the Plan meets the basic conditions, and that following consideration of the report the Council concurs with the Examiner's conclusions, it would be in breach of the Council's statutory responsibilities in respect

of Neighbourhood Planning under paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B of the Act to refuse the Neighbourhood Plan. It would also expose the Council to legal challenge and attendant costs.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** None

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director: Place, Planning & Regeneration

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

<b>Date Decision Made</b>	<b>Final Day of Call-in Period</b>
9 June 2020	16 June 2020