

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I107876
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1. **TITLE:** Publication of the submission version of the Winkfield Neighbourhood Plan and appointment of an independent Examiner to undertake the examination of the Winkfield Neighbourhood Plan

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

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To seek agreement to the Council publishing and undertaking public consultation on the proposed Winkfield Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) (as amended) and to appoint an independent Examiner to undertake the examination of the Neighbourhood Plan

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 that the Council:

- i. undertakes public consultation on the submission version of the Winkfield Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to Regulation 16; and
- ii. appoints an independent Examiner to undertake the examination of the Winkfield Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to paragraph 7 of Schedule 4B of the Act and Regulation 17.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The Council has a statutory duty, as set out in paragraph 7 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) (“the Act”) and Regulations 16 and 17 of the Regulations, to consider submitted Neighbourhood Plan proposals, undertake a six week public consultation exercise and appoint an independent Examiner to undertake the examination of a Neighbourhood Plan.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The alternative option of not undertaking a public consultation exercise and/or appointing an independent Examiner as set out in paragraph 3.1 above would be in breach of the Council’s statutory responsibilities (Regulations 16 and 17 of the Regulations, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 4B of the Act). It would also expose the Council to legal challenge and attendant costs

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

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

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
2 September 2022	16 September 2022