

Notification of Decision

17 July 2024



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Notification of Decision of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulatory Services

Present: Councillor Juliet Layton

Officers: Joseph Walker – Community Partnerships Officer, Caleb Harris – Senior Democratic Services Officer

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none from the Cabinet Member or the Officers present.

2. Neighbourhood Planning: Regulation 18 Decision on the Stow-On-The-Wold And The Swells Neighbourhood Development Plan

The purpose of the item was to consider whether the Stow-on-the-Wold and the Swells Neighbourhood Development Plan, as modified, meets the Basic Conditions required by the Localism Act, and therefore should proceed to referendum.

The Community Partnerships Officer introduced the report and outlined the following points:

- There was no update to the document following its publication.
- The Regulation 18 decision which means that the independent examiner has provided a report with his findings on the proposed Stow-on-the-Wold and the Swells Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- The Council needed to make a decision to proceed to referendum on the proposed plan and modifications.
- Subject to modifications, the independent examiner has determined that the plan goes to a referendum.
- There was one objection to the Examiner's report, but the Council is justified in moving forward to referendum on the basis of the Examiners report.
- Annex B of the report outlines the Examiner's modifications which reflect responses to concerns raised by the Council and through representations made in the consultation stage.
- These modifications should clarify the plan and enhance the operation of the policies included.

The Cabinet Member noted that the process has been interrupted due to local and national elections but the plan could now to proceed to a referendum in September 2024.

It was felt by the Cabinet Member that the modifications were useful to ensure the plan was effective.

Decision

The Cabinet Member considered the recommendations of the examiner, and the proposed modifications, and AGREED that the Plan meets the Basic Conditions.

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Reason for Decision of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulatory Services

The Cabinet Member noted that the plan was recommended to proceed by the independent examiner subject to modifications which reflected the Council's position. The Cabinet Member congratulated Stow on reaching this stage and wished them well in the forthcoming referendum.

ACTIONS BY:

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