

Woking Borough Council

West Byfleet Neighbourhood Plan - Decision Statement

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Following an independent examination of the West Byfleet Neighbourhood Plan and the receipt of the Examiner's Report, the Council at its meeting on 20 July 2017 decided that subject to the Examiner's proposed specific modifications, the West Byfleet Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum for the following reasons; the Neighbourhood Plan:

- Meets all statutory requirements set out in paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
- will be compatible with the European Convention of Human Rights, and in particular, to Article 8 (privacy); Article 14 (discrimination); and Article 1 of the first Protocol (Property);
- will not breach, and is otherwise compatible with European Union obligations;
- is not likely to have significant effect on a European designated site or a European Offshore Marine site either alone or in combination with other plans or projects;
- taken as a whole has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State and would contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
- is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the Development Plan for the area;
- meets the Basic Conditions; and
- has undergone consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations.

The Council also agreed with the Examiner's recommendation that the referendum of the Neighbourhood Plan should be based on the designated Neighbourhood Area approved by the Council on 27 March 2014.

This Decision Statement, the Examiner's Report, including the proposed modifications and the West Byfleet Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on Woking Borough Council's website (www.woking.gov.uk) and the West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum's website. The documents are also available for inspection at the following venues:

- Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking , GU21 6YL – Monday to Friday 9am to 4.45pm
- Woking library. Please see www.surreycc.gov.uk for address and opening times of the libraries.
- Byfleet and West Byfleet libraries. Please see www.surreycc.gov.uk for address and opening times of the libraries.

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