



Edith Weston Neighbourhood Development Plan 2023 – 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 The Edith Weston Neighbourhood Development Plan relates to the area that was designated by Rutland County Council as a neighbourhood area in May 2021 which designated the whole of the Parish of Edith Weston as the Neighbourhood Plan Area.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Development Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised, and representations were invited. The publicity period ran between Monday 29th April and Monday 10th June 2024.
- 2.3 Mr Andrew Ashcroft BA (Hons) MA, DMS, MRTPI was appointed by Rutland County Council with the agreement of Edith Weston Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Development Plan and to prepare a report of the independent examination.
- 2.4 The examiner's report concluded that subject to making the modifications recommended by the examiner, the Plan met the basic conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.
- 2.5 Following this, the Examiner's modifications were agreed by Edith Weston Parish Council and subsequently agreed by Rutland County Council on 4th December 2024. The Decision Statement which includes all the agreed modifications was then published on the Rutland County Council website.
- 2.6 On Thursday 20th February 2025, the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Development Plan successfully passed referendum with 108 (95%) of the votes cast agreeing that the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Development Plan can be used by Rutland County Council for the determination of planning applications.
- 2.7 On 12th March 2024, Cabinet agreed that the Director of Places in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Property and Economic Development be authorised to 'make' the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for Rutland following a successful referendum.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 I confirm that the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Development Plan 2023-2041, 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 March 2024 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 Edith Weston Neighbourhood Development Plan 2023-2041 is part of the Development Plan of the Rutland County Council Local Planning Authority Area as defined at Area Designation by Rutland County Council in May 2021. This means that the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are now given full weight when decision makers assess Planning applications in the parish of Edith Weston.
- 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: 28/03/25
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