

Bookham Neighbourhood Development Plan

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Regulation 19 & 20 Decision to make a Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Bookham Neighbourhood Area covers the two District Council Wards of Bookham North and Bookham South. A map of its boundaries is provided overleaf.

The draft NDP was submitted to MVDC in December 2015. It was published between 12 February and 6 April 2016 and representations were invited, as required under Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and the Localism Act 2011.

An Independent Examination was conducted by Andrew Ashcroft and his report was received on 5 October 2016. The report concludes that the Bookham NDP meets the basic conditions for the preparation of a neighbourhood plan subject to a series of recommended modifications. Subject to the incorporation of those modifications, the report recommends that the Bookham NDP should proceed to a referendum.

MVDC considered each of the examiner's recommendations at the Council meeting on 6 December 2016. The Council agreed to accept the examiner's recommendations and to make modifications to the draft NDP in accordance with the examiner's report (with some minor and non-material amendments to wording for clarity).

A referendum on the Bookham NDP was held within the Bookham Neighbourhood Area on 4 May 2017. In response to the question "Do you want Mole Valley District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Bookham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?", 80% of those voting voted "yes".

MVDC is satisfied that the NDP meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention on Human Rights and other EU obligations and complies with the relevant Regulations, including with respect to the definition of a Neighbourhood Development Plan and the provisions that can be made by a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Therefore the NDP was "made" on 23 May 2017 at the Annual Council meeting of Mole Valley District Council. It forms part of the Development Plan for Mole Valley and its policies will be used when considering planning applications submitted in the Bookham Neighbourhood Area.

The NDP and associated background documents, including a copy of this decision statement, can be viewed online at www.molevalley.gov.uk/localplans (click on Neighbourhood Planning and follow links to the Bookham NDP page). A hard copy can be viewed at Mole Valley District Council's offices at Pippbrook, Dorking, RH4 1SJ. For further information, contact MVDC's Planning Policy team on 01306 879281.

