



COUNCIL

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**Subject: Adoption of the Corringham Neighbourhood Plan**

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Purpose / Summary:

To adopt the Corringham Neighbourhood Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION(S): To adopt the Corringham Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.**

## IMPLICATIONS

### **Legal:**

This work is a duty under the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

### **Financial : FIN/147/22/SL**

For every neighbourhood plan successful at examination the Council receives a grant of £20k from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to help support its neighbourhood planning role in the district.

A total grant of £80k was claimed for in 2020/21 for 'Scotton', 'Bishop Norton and Atterby', 'Gainsborough' and 'Morton' NPs all of which has been received. A claim of £20k is being made for the Corringham NP during 2021/22.

At the year-end 2020/21 £33.1k of Neighbourhood Planning Grant (NPG) was transferred to the NPG earmarked reserve – with a balance of £67.8k at 31 March 2021, to support future costs of the neighbourhood planning process.

No further financial implications arising due to this report.

### **Staffing : HR160-12-21**

Internal resources in place to deal with neighbourhood planning.

### **Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :**

The Plan has been examined under the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations for any issues relating to equality and diversity.

### **Data Protection Implications : n/a**

### **Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :**

To succeed at examination a neighbourhood plan has to comply with national and strategic planning guidance on climate change. For the Corringham NP, the examiner found it to be sound in this respect. Climate change related policies in the NP include ones that seek to: achieve or exceed design and construction standards for sustainable development; minimise CO2 emissions for domestic scale green energy solutions; and provide charging points for electric vehicles.

### **Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations : n/a**

**Health Implications:**

To succeed at examination the Corringham NP had to comply with national and strategic planning guidance on health and well-being. The examiner found it to be sound in this respect. Health and well-being related policies in the NP require: provision for sustainable transport modes including walking and cycling; protection of open spaces, public rights of way, rural lanes, and recreation and community facilities; and the designation of local green spaces.

**Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/planning-and-building/neighbourhood-planning/all-neighbourhood-plans-in-west-lindsey/corryingham-neighbourhood-plan/>

**Risk Assessment :** n/a

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

**Key Decision:**

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report seeks Members' approval to adopt (make) the Corringham Neighbourhood Plan (CNP) as part of the West Lindsey Development Plan. The report follows the CNP's successful referendum which was held recently.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 Corringham Parish Council (CPC), as the qualifying body, received Council approval in June 2016 to prepare a neighbourhood plan. The CNP was submitted to the Council for examination in March 2021 and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders.

## 3. Decision & Reasoning

- 3.1 The Council in agreement with CPC appointed an independent examiner, Mr Andrew Ashcroft, to examine whether the CNP met the basic conditions required by legislation and if it should proceed to referendum.

- 3.2 The Examiner's Report concluded that the CNP met the basic conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in the report, the CNP should proceed to a referendum. The report was considered under the Council's delegated powers and it was agreed that the CNP should proceed to referendum and in the outcome of a successful referendum result it should be made by the Council.

- 3.3 The CNP referendum met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. It was held on 2 December 2021 in Corringham and posed the question:

***'Do you want West Lindsey District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Corringham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area'***

- 3.4 At the referendum 83% of those that voted were in favour of the CNP. Legislation requires that the Council must make the neighbourhood plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan. Greater than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the CNP being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area.

The results of the referendum were:	Votes recorded*	Percentage
Number of votes cast in favour of <b>'yes'</b>	55	83%
Number of votes cast in favour of <b>'no'</b>	11	17%

Electorate	392
Ballot Papers Issued	66
Turnout	16.8%

\* No ballot papers were rejected

- 3.5 The duty of adopting (making) the CNP would not apply if the CNP was found to breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with any EU obligation or Convention rights. The Council has assessed that the CNP has been prepared in accordance with these requirements.
- 3.6 In accordance with national planning guidance, the adopted (made) Corringham Neighbourhood Plan must be given full weight in the determination of planning applications within the parish area.
- 3.7 Having an adopted Corringham NP will mean that West Lindsey has a total of 22 neighbourhood plans in place covering a large part of the district. Neighbourhood plans have given many of our local communities the tools to shape and protect their areas. This is welcomed by the Government which sees neighbourhood planning as a key part of its ambition to deliver the Localism Act.
- 3.8 The total number should continue to rise as there are currently 19 neighbourhood plans in various stages of preparation. There are also 2 plans being reviewed and potentially 42 areas in the district that are suitable for neighbourhood plans but have yet to start the process. Compared to nationally, West Lindsey is performing well in terms of neighbourhood plan coverage.

#### **4. Recommendation:**

- 4.1 That Members formally agree to adopt (make) the Corringham Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.**