

Daws Hill Neighbourhood Plan Adoption Statement

(Regulation 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012)

1. Summary

1.1 Following an independent Examination and Referendum, Wycombe District Council now confirms by this Adoption Statement that the Daws Hill Neighbourhood Plan (“the Plan”) forms part of the Development Plan and the policies in the Plan are therefore now given full weight when assessing planning applications in the designated Neighbourhood Area (Daws Hill Neighbourhood Area).

1.2 This Adoption Statement, the Plan and background documents can be viewed during normal office hours at:

Wycombe District Council
Council Offices
Queen Victoria Road
High Wycombe
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1.3 This Adoption Statement, the Plan and background documents can also be viewed on the [Daws Hill Neighbourhood Plan page](#) of the Council’s website.

2. Background

2.1 In May 2012, the residents of Daws Hill started work on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan, as introduced by the Localism Act 2011. On 25 September 2012 the Daws Hill Neighbourhood Area and Daws Hill Neighbourhood Forum were designated for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

2.2 As neighbourhood forum designation expires after five years, the Daws Hill Neighbourhood Forum was redesignated on 12 February 2018. Neighbourhood Areas do not expire, therefore the Neighbourhood Area remained unaltered from the one designated in September 2012.

2.3 The neighbourhood forum carried out a consultation on their draft version of their neighbourhood plan between Monday 25 June and Sunday 5 August 2018 prior to submitting their plan to us for formal consultation.

2.4 Daws Hill Neighbourhood Forum submitted their proposed neighbourhood plan to us in early 2019, which was subject to a consultation between Wednesday 13 March and Friday 26 April 2019. Following this consultation the Plan was submitted for independent examination in July 2019.

2.5 The Examiner's report concluded that, subject to modifications, the Plan meets Basic Conditions and other legal requirements and once modified the Plan should proceed to referendum. The Council reviewed whether the plan met the Basic Conditions and published its decision statement setting out that the Plan as modified by the local authority should proceed to referendum. The referendum was held on 14 November 2019, with a very successful result of 92.5% voting "yes" in response to the referendum question: "Do you want Wycombe District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Daws Hill to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

3. Decision and reasons

3.1 Having found that the plan meets the Basic Conditions and other requirements as set out in paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and having had more than 50% of the voters voting "yes" during the referendum, the Council considered whether to "make" (adopt) the plan.

3.2 On 3 December 2019, the Council decided to make the Daws Hill Neighbourhood Plan, pursuant to section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The decision takes effect on xx December 2019.

3.3 The decision, the Plan and details of where they can be inspected have been publicised on [the Council's website](#). This information has also been brought to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area.

3.4 The Daws Hill Neighbourhood Plan ("the Plan") now made (i.e. adopted) forms part of the Development Plan. This means that the policies in the Plan are now given full weight when decision-makers assess planning applications in the Daws Hill Neighbourhood Area.