



Braunton Neighbourhood Plan

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1. Summary

In accordance with the above regulations, and following a positive referendum result, North Devon Council made the Braunton Neighbourhood Plan (2018-2031) on 4th October 2023. The neighbourhood plan now forms part of the statutory development plan for North Devon Council.

2. Decision and Reasons for the Decision

Paragraph 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires North Devon Council to make the neighbourhood plan if more than half of those voting in a referendum have voted in favour of the plan being used to help to decide planning applications in the area.

A local referendum was held in Braunton on 7th September 2023 to decide whether the local community were in favour of the Braunton Neighbourhood Plan. A total of 1042 votes were recorded in favour, whereas 114 votes were not in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. The turnout of electors was 17.9% (1156 out of an electorate of 6,428).

Following an independent examination of the Braunton Neighbourhood Plan, North Devon Council also concluded that the Neighbourhood Plan, including its preparation, does not breach or is not otherwise incompatible with any retained EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

On the basis of the foregoing and at its meeting on 4th October 2023, North Devon Council decided to make the Braunton Neighbourhood Plan with immediate effect. The Neighbourhood Plan has therefore become part of the Council's statutory Development Plan.

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