

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL

WANTAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT

2 September 2016

Summary

- 1** Following an Independent Examination, Vale of White Horse District Council's Cabinet Member for Planning Policy confirms that the Wantage Neighbourhood Plan will not proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum.

Background

- 2** Wantage Town Council, as the qualifying body, successfully applied for Wantage and part of Grove parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012), which came into force on 6 April 2012.
- 3** Following the submission of the Wantage Neighbourhood Plan for Examination to the district council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders.
- 4** Vale of White Horse District Council appointed independent examiner John Parmiter, to review whether the plan met the basic conditions and if the plan should proceed to referendum, as required by legislation.

Decision and Reasons

- 5** The Examiner's Report recommends that the plan does not meet the Basic Conditions and should not proceed to a Referendum.
- 6** The plan will not proceed to referendum and the district council will work closely with the town council to revise the neighbourhood plan, following the necessary steps to make a successful neighbourhood plan.

Councillor Roger Cox

Vale of White Horse District Council
Cabinet Member for Planning Policy
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