

**Horsham District Council Local Planning
Authority Storrington & Sullington and
Washington Neighbourhood Development Plan
2018 - 2031**

**The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as
amended) Regulation 19 and 20: Decision on a Plan Proposal
and Publicising a Neighbourhood Development Plan**

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Horsham District Council has a statutory duty to support Parish Councils and Qualifying Bodies in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP's) and Orders and to take Neighbourhood Plans and Orders through a process of examination and referendum. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 chapter 3) sets out the Council's responsibilities under Neighbourhood Planning.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Neighbourhood Plan Area for Storrington & Sullington and Washington covers the whole of the Parishes of Storrington & Sullington and Washington. The Parishes were designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on the 19 December 2013 by Horsham Council. The plan areas fall within the jurisdictions of 2 planning authorities. The areas outside the South Downs National Park fall under Horsham District Council and within the National Park they fall under the authority of the South Downs National Park Authority. The two local planning authorities agreed that for the purpose of this Neighbourhood plan, Horsham District Council should be the "lead authority".

2.2 The Pre-Submission Storrington & Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan underwent consultation under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), from 10 July 2016 to 2 September 2016. The Pre-

Submission Plan was amended in response to the comments made during the consultation and the "Submission Plan" was then formally submitted to the District Council on the 16 February 2018. The Council, in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), undertook a further consultation of the Submission Plan. Representations were invited between 23 February 2018 to 13 April 2018.

- 2.3** John Slater was appointed by the Council with the consent of Storrington & Sullington and Washington Parish Councils, to undertake the examination of the submission Storrington & Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan and to prepare a report of the independent examination. A hearing session was held on the 20 September 2018 at Storrington Village Parish Hall.
- 2.4** The Examiner's Report was completed and sent to Horsham District Council on the 22 November 2018. The Examiner concluded that with a number of modifications the Submission Storrington & Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan would meet the Basic Conditions and could proceed to Referendum on that basis.
- 2.5** After considering the Examiner's recommendations the Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, decided it would be appropriate to reconsult on a number of the examiner's proposed modifications. This included consultation on a revised Strategic Environmental Assessment which was updated to reflect the proposed modifications, reconsult on new designations and Habitats Regulations Assessment re-screening to take account of the Examiner's recommendations.
- 2.6** A further consultation was undertaken for a period of 6 weeks starting on the 6 February 2019 and concluding on the 27 March 2019. In total 25 representations were received in response to the proposed modifications.
- 2.7** Following the close of consultation, Horsham District Council reached the conclusion no further examination was required in relation to the changes proposed by Horsham District Council in response to the Examiner's recommendations. In all other respects the Council remained in agreement with the Examiner's recommendations and it was considered that the Storrington, Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan met the Basic Conditions and should proceed to referendum within accepted timescales. On the 1 May 2019, Horsham District Council therefore resolved that the Storrington & Sullington and Washington Submission Plan (incorporating the further modifications, the

Examiner's modifications and recommendations as set out in the Horsham District Council '[Decision Statement 1 May 2019](#)') should proceed to Referendum.

2.8 On 18 July 2019, the Storrington & Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Development Plan to 2031 successfully passed Referendum with 86% of the votes cast agreeing that the Storrington & Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Development Plan be used by Horsham District Council and South Downs National Park Authority to help in the determination of planning applications in the Parishes of Storrington & Sullington and Washington (turnout at the Referendum was 19.13%).

2.9 On 4 September 2019, Horsham District Council resolved at Full Council that Storrington & Sullington and Washington Parish Neighbourhood Plan to 2031, (incorporating the Examiners modifications and all modifications as per the HDC Decision Statement), should be 'made' and become part of the Development Plan for Horsham District Council for the Parishes of Storrington & Sullington and Washington.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 It is therefore confirmed, that the Storrington & Sullington and Washington Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan to 2031, (incorporating Examiner's modifications as set out in the Horsham District Council Decision Statement), complies with the legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011. As a result of the Council resolution of 4 September 2019 the Storrington & Sullington and Washington Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan 2031 has been 'made' with effect 5 September 2019.

3.2 In accordance with Regulation 20 of the 2012 Regulations, the Storrington & Sullington and Washington Parish Neighbourhood Plan is available to view on the Council's [website](#) and on both the Storrington & Sullington Parish Council's [website](#) and Washington Parish Council [website](#). In addition, hard copies are available upon request to view at the Horsham District Council Offices, Parkside, Chart Way, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1RL. Horsham District Council has also notified all persons who requested to be notified of the making of the plan and where it can be inspected.