

Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan

Decision Statement published pursuant to Section 38A (9) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 (Schedule 9), and Regulations 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

At a Special Committee on 22nd June 2021, Swindon Borough Council formally decided to make (adopt) the Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan under Section 38A (4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) . This means the Highworth Neighbourhood Plan has now been brought into legal force, forming part of the statutory development plan for Swindon Borough and will be used in the determination of planning proposals in the Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Planning Area.

Reasons for Decision

The Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and is compliant with the legal and procedural requirements. Paragraph 38A (4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) requires the Council to make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting in the referendum upon the Plan have voted in favour of the Plan being used to inform planning applications in the area. The Plan was endorsed by more than the required threshold in the referendum of 6th May 2021.

The Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan and relevant accompanying documents can be viewed on the Swindon Borough Council website

http://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20113/local_plan_and_planning_policy/650/neighbourhood_planning

Hard copies can be viewed at the Council Offices: Wat Tyler House, Beckhampton Street, Swindon

Section 61N of Schedule 9 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) states that any person who is aggrieved by the making of the Plan under section 61E (4) or (8) may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) on the grounds that

- the document is not within the appropriate power,
- a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Such an application must be made within six weeks of the date of the decision to make the Plan, i.e. by 4th August 2021.

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