

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Making of Central Gowy (South) Neighbourhood Plan

Decision Statement published pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 Schedule 38A (9) and Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Central Gowy (South) Neighbourhood Plan

- 1.1 Work on the Central Gowy (South) Neighbourhood Plan has been led by a Steering Group on behalf of Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council. Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan has involved extensive community consultation throughout, with support provided by Cheshire West and Chester Council.
- 1.2 The Plan contains policies covering housing development, support for local facilities and the protection and enhancement of those features which make up the rural character of the area.
- 1.3 The plan area covers most of Hargrave and Huxley Parish and parts of Tarvin and Duddon parishes. To overcome a legal issue which resulted in the plan initially failing at examination, the Neighbourhood Area was revised in 2017 to exclude parts of Tattenhall Parish which had previously been included. The revised neighbourhood area has the consent of Tarvin and Duddon Parish Councils.
- 1.3 The revised Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents were formally re-submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council in July 2017. Following a six week period of publicity, examiner John Slater (who undertook the initial examination) was re-appointed with the agreement of the qualifying body (Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council). The plan was then subject to re-examination and the examiner's report was received in December 2017. The report concluded that the plan now met the required 'basic conditions' and could proceed to referendum. No modifications to the plan were required.
- 1.5 On 2 January 2018, the Council's Cabinet Member agreed to accept the examiner's report and confirmed that the plan should proceed to referendum.
- 1.6 At the referendum held on 22 February 2018, voters were asked to say 'yes' or 'no' to the prescribed question:

"Do you want Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Central Gowy (South) to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"
- 1.7 89% of those who voted said 'yes' to the plan. The outcome was as follows:

Response	Votes
Yes	122
No	15
Rejected (unmarked)	0
Turnout	26.6%


Making of the Plan

- 2.1 Preparation of the Central Gowy (South) Neighbourhood Plan has now progressed through the prescribed stages set out in the regulations with a positive outcome at both independent examination and referendum. The plan now forms part of the statutory development plan for the area. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Parish Council is to be congratulated on a significant achievement in reaching this stage, particularly given the earlier set back and the failure of the first examination. The success in completing the plan would not have been possible without their hard work and perseverance.
- 2.2 The final stage of the preparation process is for the Council to 'make' the Plan. At the meeting of the Council's Cabinet on 11 October 2017 it was agreed that the decision to make a neighbourhood plan be discharged to the Senior Manager – Planning and Strategic Transport. The full report and minute can be read at <http://cmttpublic.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Clid=983&MId=5184&Ver=4>

Decision

- 3.1 That the Central Gowy (South) Neighbourhood Plan be formally made.
- 3.2 The reason for this decision is that the Central Gowy (South) Neighbourhood Plan has progressed through the prescribed stages set out in the regulations with a positive outcome at both independent examination and referendum. The Council is now required to make the plan and no reasons exist as to why this should not happen.
- 3.3 The Senior Manager - Planning and Strategic Transport hereby exercises their delegated authority to make the plan.
- 3.4 A copy of this note will be sent to Hargrave and Huxley Parish Council and anyone who asked to be notified of the decision. The note will also be sent to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Infrastructure and the local ward councillor.

- 3.5 In accordance with Regulation 26 of the 2012 Regulations, the Council has published the following on its website at:
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning
- This statement which sets out the decision to make the plan and reasons for it;
 - Details of where the decision document can be inspected.
- 3.6 The final version of the plan and associated documents has also been published on the website.
- 3.7 The documents can be viewed online on computer screens in the following Customer Service Centres during opening hours – please check the Council's website for details:
- The Forum, Chester, CH1 2HS;
 - Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, CW7 1AH;
 - Northwich Customer Service Centre, 1 The Arcade, Northwich, CW9 5AS;
 - Neston Library, Parkgate Road, Neston, CH64 6QE;
 - Ellesmere Port Customer Service Centre, First Floor, Ellesmere Port Library, CH65 0BG; and
 - Frodsham Library and Integrated Services, Princeway, Frodsham, WA6 6RX;
- 3.8 A paper copy of the Neighbourhood Plan is also available to view at:
- The Forum Office, Chester, CH1 2HS.



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