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West Devon Borough Council

Highampton Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 18 Decision Statement

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Following an independent examination of the Highampton Neighbourhood Plan and the receipt of the Examiner's Report, the Council has decided that, subject to the Examiner's proposed specific modifications, the Highampton Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum for the following reasons; the Neighbourhood Plan:

- will be compatible with the European Convention of Human Rights, and in particular, to Article 8 (privacy); Article 14 (discrimination); and Article 1 of the first Protocol (Property);
- will not breach, and is otherwise compatible with European Union obligations;
- is not likely to have significant effect on a European designated site or a European Offshore Marine site either alone or in combination with other plans or projects;
- taken as a whole has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of state and would contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
- is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the Development Plan for the area;
- meets the Basic Conditions; and
- has undergone consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations.

The Council also agreed with the Examiner's recommendation that the referendum of the Neighbourhood Plan should be based on the designated Neighbourhood Area approved by the Council on 25th August 2016.

This Decision Statement, the Examiner's Report, including the proposed modifications and the Highampton Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on West Devon Borough Council's website <https://www.neighbourhoodplanning.swdevon.gov.uk/highampton> and the

Highampton Neighbourhood Plan website <http://www.highamptonplan.uk/>. The documents are also available for inspection, by prior notice, at the following venues:

- West Devon Borough Council offices – Kilworthy Park, Tavistock, PL19 0BZ
- Highampton Parish Council

To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 a referendum which poses the question, 'Do you want West Devon Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Highampton to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?' will be held in the area formally designated as the Highampton Neighbourhood Area.

The referendum will take place within 56 working days of this notice.

For any questions please contact the Neighbourhood Planning Team on 01803 861234 or e-mail to SW-Neighbourhood Planning NeighbourhoodPlan@swdevon.gov.uk