

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Burghclere Neighbourhood Plan

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1. Summary

In accordance with the above regulations, and following a positive examination result, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) made the Burghclere Neighbourhood Plan (2022-2029) on 18 May 2023. The Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

2. Background

On 26 February 2018, BDBC designated the Burghclere Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The plan area covers the parish of Burghclere and lies solely within the Basingstoke and Deane Local Planning Authority Area.

The original Burghclere Neighbourhood Plan was made in May 2021 and became part of the Development Plan. In December 2021 the decision to review the plan was taken.

Burghclere Parish Council, the qualifying body, submitted the draft Updated Burghclere Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents to BDBC in December 2022.

Following submission of the Burghclere Neighbourhood Plan, BDBC publicised the Plan and supporting documents and invited representations during the consultation period which ran from Monday 9 January through to Monday 20 February 2023. BDBC, with the consent of Burghclere Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Ms Janet Cheesley, to review the Plan and consider whether it should proceed to be made.

The Examiner's Report was received in 27 March 2023 and recommended that, subject to a number of proposed modifications, the Plan should proceed to be made. The modifications were required to ensure that the Plan met the basic conditions set out in the legislation (Para 8(2) Schedule 4B Town and Country Planning Act 1990).

3. Decision and Reasons for the Decision

The Council has assessed and concluded that the plan, including its preparation, does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). As such, the council decided the following, at the Full Council meeting on the 18 May 2023 to:

‘make the Updated Burghclere Neighbourhood Plan with immediate effect, with the consequence that it becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.’

This decision statement can be viewed on the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council website at: <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/BURNP>

Hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan are available for inspection or purchase from the Council’s Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 4AH (weekdays 8.30 to 5.00, Monday to Thursday, and until 4.30 pm on Fridays). Hard copies are also available to view at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre and Newbury Library during their normal opening times.

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