

Adoption of the Hoxne Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2037

Dated: 11 April 2024

Hoxne Parish Council and members of the local community have prepared the Hoxne Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2037 (the 'Plan'). They were aided by a consultant and have also been supported by officers at Mid Suffolk District Council.

The Decision:

Following a referendum held on Thursday 4 April 2024, in which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the Plan, Mid Suffolk District Council has decided to 'make' (adopt) the Hoxne Neighbourhood Plan as part of its development plan framework.

Reason for the decision:

The Hoxne Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with the relevant regulations, and has been independently examined by Janet Cheesley BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI. In her final report, published in June 2023, she concluded that subject to certain modifications this Plan met the basic conditions and that it should proceed to a referendum.

On 21 July 2023, Mid Suffolk District Council issued a statement in which it agreed to accept all of the proposed modifications. Subject to the satisfactory completion of that task by the parish council, they also agreed to take this Plan to a local referendum.

As stated, the referendum took place on 4 April 2024. The declared result was as follows:

Referendum question	No. of 'Yes' votes	No. of 'No' votes
Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Hoxne to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?	152 (87.36%)	22 (12.64%)

[The total number of persons entitled to vote was 694. A total of 174 ballot papers were issued.]

The result means that Mid Suffolk District Council must now 'make' (adopt) the Hoxne Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that it would be in breach of any EU obligations or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). The Council is satisfied that the Hoxne Neighbourhood Plan is not in breach of these obligations.

Other information:

This Decision Statement, the adopted Hoxne Neighbourhood Plan, and other relevant documents can all be viewed online at:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/web/mid-suffolk/w/hoxne-neighbourhood-plan>

[A printed copy of the adopted Plan can be made available on request. A printing and postage fee may apply.]