

DECISION STATEMENT (proceeding to referendum), published pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Schedule 4B paragraph 12 (as amended), and Regulation 18(2) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

REFERENDUM DECISION 8 June 2021

On 8 June 2021 it was determined that subject to modifications, the Ash Neighbourhood Development Plan (the Plan) (2018-2037) should proceed to referendum.

ASH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018 to 2037

The Ash Neighbourhood Area lies within Dover District and covers the whole of Ash Parish.

Ash Parish was designated a Neighbourhood Area by the Cabinet of Dover District Council on the 4 February 2013.

Ash Parish Council is the designated ‘qualifying body’ and since 2017 the preparation of the Plan has been led by its Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee.

Public consultation on the Regulation 14 pre-submission draft Plan was undertaken from the 11 November 2019 to 23 December 2019.

On the 2 November 2020, Ash Parish Council resolved to formally submit the Plan to Dover District Council and a Regulation 16 submission Plan consultation was then held from 1 December 2020 to 15 January 2021.

Mr Derek Stebbing B.A. (Hons), Dip E.P., MRTPI, an independent examiner, was appointed by Dover District Council in agreement with Ash Parish Council to

examine the Plan. The examination was dealt with by written representations and the Examiner's report was published on the 5 May 2021.

The Examiner concluded that, subject to the modifications set out in his report, the Plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements, and that the Plan should proceed to referendum.

On the 1 June 2021 Ash Parish Council formally submitted the referendum version of the Plan incorporating the Examiners modifications.

Dover District Council is satisfied that the Ash Neighbourhood Development Plan, as modified, complies with the basic conditions as set out in legislation, and subsequently, that the Plan should proceed to referendum.