

North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan

Statement of Decision to Make the Plan

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1. Summary

- 1.1 Following a positive referendum result, South Somerset District Council has agreed at the District Executive meeting on 6 October 2022 to make the North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Statutory Development Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 The North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Area designation was approved by the District Council in July 2019. Since then, the Neighbourhood Plan for the area was prepared and a 'Pre-Submission' Plan was consulted upon by the local Steering Group in July 2021 (Regulation 14). This initial consultation was followed by formal submission of the Plan in December 2021 and the District Council carried out formal consultation in line with procedures set out in the relevant Regulations (Regulation 16), and in accordance with Covid-19 Regulations. The Plan was then subject to an independent examination and the District Council agreed the Examiner's recommendations and the next step of a local referendum on the 7 July 2022.

- 2.2 The District Council held a local Referendum on the 8 September 2022. The prescribed question asked was:

"Do you want South Somerset District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for North Cadbury and Yarlington to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

The Referendum results were as follows: 410 votes were cast; 336 voted in favour (Yes) of the Plan, with 74 voting against (No). There were 0 rejected ballot papers; and the turnout was 44.18%. As more than 50% of those who voted said 'Yes', the Neighbourhood Plan can now be 'made' (or adopted). A neighbourhood plan attains the same legal status as a local plan (and other documents that form part of the statutory development plan) once it has been approved at a referendum. At this point it comes into force as part of the statutory development plan. Applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. A development plan sets out the planning policies for the development and use of land.

3. Decision and Reasons

- 3.1 The referendum met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendum) Regulations (As Amended). More than 50% of those who voted in the Referendum said 'Yes', so the Neighbourhood Plan is now 'made'. The decision is effective as of 06 October 2022.

- 3.2 The Plan, supporting documents, representations received and Examiner's Report are all available on the District Council's website - <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/your-council/your-council-plan-and-strategies/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/>