

Harrogate Borough Council
Roecliffe and Westwick Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012
Regulation 18 Decision Statement

The Roecliffe and Westwick Neighbourhood Plan was subject to an Independent Examination by Mr Terry Heselton BA (Hons), Dip TP, MRTPI who submitted his Examiner's report to Harrogate Borough Council in April 2021. The report recommended that, subject to a number of modifications, the Roecliffe and Westwick Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and other statutory provisions and should proceed to referendum.

The following decisions were approved by Cabinet Member (Planning) on 27th July 2021.

1. Harrogate Borough Council has considered and accepts each of the recommended modifications made by the Examiner for the following reasons:
 - To ensure consistency with the Harrogate District Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework;
 - To focus on land use and development;
 - Remove elements of duplication both from within the Neighbourhood Plan and between the Neighbourhood Plan and Harrogate District Local Plan;
 - Update the Neighbourhood Plan to reflect current circumstances and terminology;
 - Improve clarity and accuracy of the plan;
 - Ensure practical basis for decision making; and
 - Remove terminology relating to the plan's draft status in readiness for the final version of the plan.

The Council accepts the modifications in full and the reasons for them, confirms that no additional modifications are proposed and that the plan once modified should proceed to referendum.

2. The council is satisfied that subject to each of the modifications being made the Roecliffe and Westwick Neighbourhood Plan can proceed to referendum based on the designated Neighbourhood Area, as identified within the Neighbourhood Plan and approved by Harrogate Borough Council on 2 September 2015. The reasons for this decision are:
 - The Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions;
 - The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared and submitted for examination by a Qualifying Body; that being Roecliffe and Westwick Parish Council;
 - The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared for an area properly designated; and
 - The policies relate to the use of land and development for the designated neighbourhood area.

This Decision Statement and the Examiner's Report, including the recommended modifications to the Roecliffe and Westwick Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed at:

- the Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, St Luke's Avenue, Harrogate HG1 2AE (pre-booked appointment only, please contact 01423 500600 to book an appointment)
- on the Borough Council's website: <https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning-2/rocliffe-neighbourhood-plan>

The referendum will take place on a date to be agreed between Harrogate Borough Council and Rocliffe and Westwick Parish Council.