



**North
Northamptonshire
Council**

GREAT ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT

Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Summary

Following an independent examination, North Northamptonshire Council confirms that the Great Addington Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan), as revised by the modifications set out in Table 1 below, complies with the Basic Conditions and legal requirements, and can therefore proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum.

This Decision Statement and Examiner's Report will be made available on North Northamptonshire Council's website and on Great Addington Parish Council's website. Paper copies will be deposited at North Northamptonshire Council Office in Thrapston and at Thrapston library for inspection during opening hours.

Background

Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and the Localism Act 2011, Great Addington Parish Council have prepared a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Great Addington with the help of the local community.

The Plan area, which comprises the whole of Great Addington parish, was designated by East Northamptonshire Council (now subsumed in North Northamptonshire Council) on 8th April 2020.

The Plan has been subject to statutory public consultation. The second of these consultations was organised by North Northamptonshire Council inviting representations on the Plan in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), during an eight-week period starting on 10th December 2024 and closing on 4 February 2025.

Independent Examination

North Northamptonshire Council appointed Andrew Ashcroft of Andrew Ashcroft Planning Limited, with the consent of Great Addington Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the Plan and to prepare a report of the independent examination. The Examiner determined that the examination could be undertaken without the need for a public hearing.

The Examiner's Report was issued on 4 June 2025. The Examiner concluded that, subject to recommended modifications, the Plan met all the Statutory Requirements

set out in paragraph 8(1) of schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and met the Basic Conditions (see Examiners Report paragraph 3.3).

Decision and Reasons

Having considered each of the recommendations made by the Examiner's Report and the reasons for them, in consultation with the Parish Council, North Northamptonshire Council accepts the modifications proposed to the draft plan as detailed in Table 1 below. North Northamptonshire Council is satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan, as modified, complies with legal requirements and can proceed to referendum.

The Examiner agreed with the designated Neighbourhood Plan area and recommended that there was no need for the referendum boundary to extend beyond the designated neighbourhood area (see Examiners Report paragraph 8.4). The Council agrees with this recommendation and concludes that any referendum that takes place in due course be contiguous with the boundary of the designated Plan area.

In line with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 it is therefore proposed to hold a referendum to determine whether the Plan should be incorporated into the development plan for North Northamptonshire.

The following question will be posed at the referendum, in line with the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendum) Regulations 2012 (as amended):

"Do you want North Northamptonshire Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Great Addington to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

The date for the referendum and further details will be published once agreed by the Council.

Signed:



George Candler
Executive Director of Place and Economy (Deputy Chief Executive)

Dated:
10 July 2025

Table 1				
Recommended Modification Number	Examiners Report Reference	Great Addington Neighbourhood Plan Reference	Proposed Modification	North Northamptonshire Council Decision/Reasoning
1	Para 7.31	Policy GA6 Ecology and Biodiversity	<u>Recommended Modification 1:</u> In the first and second sentences replace <i>'will be expected to'</i> with <i>'should'</i> .	Re-wording of Policy GA6 is supported.
2	Para 7.49	Policy GA12 Ultrafast Connectivity	<u>Recommended Modification 2:</u> Delete the policy. <i>At the end of paragraph 8.19 add:</i> <i>'The Building Regulations introduced national gigabit broadband infrastructure and</i>	Agreed. As stated in the examiners report the Plan does not need to duplicate national policy and is therefore supported. It is also agreed that the text can be included in the supporting text to remind the development industry of its obligations.

			<i>connectivity requirements for certain types of development in 2022.'</i>	
3	Para 7.68	Policy GA17	<p><u>Recommended Modification 3:</u></p> <p>I recommend that the full text from the HRA is included and that the unnecessary reference to Natural England is removed.</p> <p>Replace criterion D with:</p> <p><i>'The proposal must demonstrate that there is an adequate solution to mitigate the effects of development on the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA to ensure no adverse effects on the integrity of the Habitats Site result prior to any grant of planning permission.'</i></p>	Agreed. Inclusion of the text would provide clarity to the determination of planning applications on the site while reference to Natural England is unnecessary.
4	Para 7.73	Policy GA18	<p><u>Recommended Modification 4:</u></p> <p>Replace the second sentence of the policy with:</p>	Agreed. To provide clarity the second sentence of the policy should be modified to reinforce the point about

			<i>'Wherever practicable, development proposals should also demonstrate how they will contribute to meeting the housing needs of older people.'</i>	housing size requirements and the needs of older people.
5	Para 7.86	Policy GA22 Working from Home	<p><u>Recommended Modification 5:</u></p> <p>Replace the opening element of the policy with:</p> <p><i>'Insofar as planning permission is required, development that enables home working will be supported if the development:'</i></p>	Agreed. The policy should be expanded to provide clarity to proposals relevant to the premises concerned.
6	Para 7.87	Throughout the whole Plan	<p><u>Other Recommended Modifications</u></p> <p>Modification of general text (where necessary) to achieve consistency with the modified policies and to accommodate any administrative and technical changes.</p>	Accept the proposed modification, which will ensure both clarity and consistency within the neighbourhood plan's text and policies.