

Report of the
Chair to the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Steering Committee

Tuesday 28th January 2020

Newbold Verdon Parish Council as the Qualifying Body handed the Neighbourhood Plan(submission Version) to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council on 9th January 2020.

The Borough has started regulation 16 consultation for six weeks from 22nd of January to the 4th of March. The good news is that the borough undertake the consultation in its entirety .

Next Steps (taken from the HBBC confirmation letter)

- Upon completion of the publicity and consultation stage, all representations will be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner appointed by the Local Planning Authority and Newbold Verdon Parish Council.
- If the examination results in a positive response either to proceed to referendum with or without modifications, the council will seek to proceed to the public referendum stage as soon as is reasonably practical.
- Under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 a Decision Statement advising of the council's decision to make/adopt the plan or not and setting out the reasons for that decision will be issued to Newbold Verdon Parish Council and to all those who requested to be notified through their representations (Regulation 16).

Following regulation 16 the Neighbourhood Plan along with access to all the relevant documentation to be sent to the Examiner, Fran Belcher has started the process to choose and appoint an examiner. The Borough will shortlist and recommend the most suitable examiner for our NP. As the qualifying body the parish council will make the final decision, I have passed this information onto the Chair of the Parish council.

Whilst the plan is with the examiner we will need to do some work to ready the parishioners for the referendum, we have lost momentum and will need to generate understanding and enthusiasm for the Plan in readiness for the referendum.

I will call a meeting of the Steering Committee when the consultation is complete to plan an awareness campaign .The parish council will all need to be fully involved ready to take this forward to a successful referendum.

Regards Heather Davison

Chair Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.