

Neighbourhood Plan Update- December 2020:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2#decision-taking>

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/637/regulation/18>

On the 7th April 2020 the neighbourhood planning guidance added paragraph 107 which sets out changes that have been introduced to neighbourhood planning in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

As copied below, this now means that when a neighbourhood plan has reached their regulation 18 stage and a decision statement has been issued by the LPA and published on their website stating the intention to send a neighbourhood plan to referendum; this now allows the plan to be given significant weight in decision making (Para 107).

(Part of Para 107)

Decision-making: *Where the local planning authority has issued a decision statement (as set out under Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012) detailing its intention to send a neighbourhood plan to referendum, that plan can be given significant weight in decision-making, so far as the plan is material to the application*

The neighbourhood plans which are currently at their Reg.18 stage and waiting for a referendum are:

- **Holme next to sea:** passed examination, can be given significant weight in decision making process. Awaiting referendum due to pandemic
- **Upwell:** passed examination, can be given significant weight in decision making process. Awaiting referendum due to pandemic

Update on other stages of neighbourhood plans to make you aware:

Awaiting/Soon wanting to go to Reg.16 stage:

- **Terrington St John:** Sent over documentation – sort out this consultation and dates which will be appropriate Jan 2021
- **Hunstanton:** Dec 2020 sent over their documentation to begin Reg.16 – will discuss appropriate dates in Jan 2021
- **Heacham:** Health check completed, preparations will take place on drafting NP and then will be submitted for reg.16 consultation (working on their next draft)

Reg.17 Examination Stage:

- **Brancaster review:** This one of the first reviews in the country, finishing the regulation 16 consultation stage on Monday 23rd November- examination in place with Andrew Ashcroft Dec 2020/Jan 2021

- **Castle Acre:** Finished reg. 16 stage on Mon 21st December – Examiner will be Ann Skippers and will begin 06 Jan 2021
- **Tilney All Saints:** Finished reg. 16 stage on Mon 28th Dec – Examiner has been appointed Andrew Mathison beginning on 05 Jan 2021

Reg.17A Decision Making Stage:

- **Thornham:** Completed the examination stage- now in the decision-making stage and being cross checked.

Other updates- In early stages:

- Gayton- In correspondence with ideas and drafts of their NP
- Old Hunstanton- In correspondence with drafts of their NP
- Stoke Ferry – in progress
- Watlington- had various meetings in progress of starting their NP
- Marshland St. James – in progress?
- **Exploring their options:** Walpole