

**Local Plan Task Group (12 September 2024): Neighbourhood Planning update**

**1. Summary**

1.1 Alongside the ongoing Local Plan examination, the Planning Policy Team’s other major area of responsibility is neighbourhood planning. During the 2023-24 financial year, 5 Neighbourhood Plans were successfully made. Others are expected to come forward during the current (2024-25) monitoring period.

1.2 This report summarises the progress and/ or current stage of preparation for individual Neighbourhood Plans.

**2. Recent progress with Neighbourhood Plans**

2.1 As of September 2024, there were 20 “made” (adopted) Plans in place. Details of recently made (during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 financial years) and emerging Neighbourhood Plans are set out as follows:

**“Made” Neighbourhood Plans (Financial Years 2023-24 and 2024-25)**

<b>“Made” Neighbourhood Plans</b>	<b>Current position</b>
Grimston, Pott Row, Roydon and Congham Neighbourhood Plan 2017 - 2036	Passed at referendum, 22 August 2024; “made” <b>27 August 2024</b>
Old Hunstanton Neighbourhood Plan 2021 – 2036	Passed at referendum, 8 February 2024; “made” <b>15 February 2024</b>
Burnham Market Neighbourhood Development Plan 2022-2036	Passed at referendum, 21 September 2023; “made” <b>26 September 2023</b>
Gayton and Gayton Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2036	Passed at referendum, 9 November 2023; “made” <b>20 November 2023</b>
Stoke Ferry Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2036	Passed at referendum, 24 August 2023; “made” <b>29 August 2023</b>
Watlington Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2036	Passed at referendum, 7 December 2023; “made” <b>13 December 2023</b>

**Emerging Neighbourhood Plans**

<b>Emerging Neighbourhood Plans</b>	<b>Current position</b>
Marshland St James	Preliminary draft Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment/ Habitat Regulations Assessment consultation with Environment Agency/ Historic England/ Natural England ( <b>June/ July 2024</b> )

	1 <sup>st</sup> draft Plan (Regulation 14) consultation anticipated <b>autumn 2024</b>
North Wootton Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2036	Submitted, 12 September 2023; followed by pre-examination (Regulation 16) consultation (finished <b>24 November 2023</b> ).  Examiners report was published on <b>23 July 2024</b> . It is anticipated that the Plan will go to referendum in <b>autumn 2024</b>
Pentney Neighbourhood Plan	1 <sup>st</sup> draft Plan (Regulation 14) consultation March-May 2023.  Parish Council recently appointed Modicum Planning to get Neighbourhood Plan back on tract; submission anticipated <b>late-2024/ early 2025</b>
Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2036	Submitted, <b>22 April 2024</b> ; currently undergoing legal check; followed by pre-examination (Regulation 16 consultation) ( <b>summer 2024</b> )  Anticipated appointment of independent examiner and commencement of examination <b>September 2024</b> ; examination anticipated to conclude <b>early 2025</b> .
Syderstone	Preliminary draft Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment/ Habitat Regulations Assessment consultation with Environment Agency/ Historic England/ Natural England ( <b>September 2024</b> )  1 <sup>st</sup> draft Plan (Regulation 14) consultation anticipated <b>early 2025</b>
The Walpoles (Walpole St Peter, Walpole St Andrew and Walpole Marsh)	Preliminary draft Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment/ Habitat Regulations Assessment consultation with Environment Agency/ Historic England/ Natural England ( <b>summer 2024</b> )  1 <sup>st</sup> draft Plan (Regulation 14) consultation anticipated <b>autumn 2024</b> .
Walpole Cross Keys Neighbourhood Plan (Review of 2017 NP)	Comprehensive review/ full replacement of current Walpole Cross Keys Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2026 (made October 2017).  Preliminary draft Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment/ Habitat Regulations Assessment

	consultation with Environment Agency/ Historic England/ Natural England ( <b>June/ July 2024</b> )  1 <sup>st</sup> draft Plan (Regulation 14) consultation anticipated <b>autumn 2024</b>
In addition, several other Parishes are designated Neighbourhood Areas, but progress with plan-making is unknown or at an early stage	Burnham Overy (designated 5 December 2023); Dersingham; Docking (designated 22 December 2023); Downham Market; Great Massingham; Ingoldisthorpe; Outwell; Shouldham; Tilney St Lawrence; West Dereham
Expressions of interest	King’s Lynn Area Committee; Little Massingham Parish Council; Titchwell Parish Meeting

### 3. Conclusion and Recommendation

3.1 Strong progress was made with delivering Neighbourhood Plans during the previous (2023-24) financial year, with 5 plans successfully “made”. This progress has continued, with the “making” of the Grimston, Pott Row, Roydon and Congham Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2036 on 27 August 2024.

3.2 The following Neighbourhood Plans are also expected to come forward to referendum during the 2024-25 financial year:

- North Wootton Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2036 (autumn 2024); and
- Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2036 (spring 2025).

3.3 Up to 5 further Neighbourhood Plans may be submitted for examination during 2024-25. This could allow them to come forward to referendum during 2025-26. The following Neighbourhood Plans are anticipated to be submitted during the current (2024-25) financial year, potentially going to referendum during 2025-26:

- Marshland St James;
- Pentney;
- Syderstone;
- The Walpoles; and
- Walpole Cross Keys (review).

3.4 This report is presented to the Local Plan Task Group for information. It is recommended that the Task Group ‘Notes’ this report.