

North Devon Council

Georgeham Neighbourhood Plan

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1. Summary

In accordance with the above regulations, and following a positive referendum result, North Devon Council made the Georgeham Neighbourhood Plan (2021-2031) on 12th January 2022. The neighbourhood plan now forms part of the statutory development plan for North Devon Council.

2. Decision and Reasons for the Decision

Paragraph 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires North Devon Council to make the neighbourhood plan if more than half of those voting in a referendum have voted in favour of the plan being used to help to decide planning applications in the area.

A local referendum was held in Georgeham on 24th November 2021 to decide whether the local community were in favour of the Georgeham Neighbourhood Plan. A total of 347 votes were recorded in favour, whereas 37 votes were not in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. The turnout of electors was 34%% (384 out of an electorate of 1,116).

Following an independent examination of the Georgeham Neighbourhood Plan, North Devon Council also concluded that the Neighbourhood Plan, including its preparation, does not breach or is not otherwise incompatible with any retained EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

On the basis of the foregoing and at its meeting on 12th January 2022, North Devon Council decided to make the Georgeham Neighbourhood Plan with immediate effect. The Neighbourhood Plan has therefore become part of the Council's statutory Development Plan.

This decision statement documents can be viewed on the Council's website through: <https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/tgeorgehamnp>

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