



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TAVERHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

#### NOTICE OF DECISION

Taverham Parish Council has appointed a steering group to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, which provides a vision for the future of the parish up to 2040 and a number of planning policies to help ensure the vision is achieved. The Plan was submitted to Broadland District Council in November 2019, and subsequently approved for publication and examination.

The examiner has concluded his examination and has recommended that the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum in the parish, subject to a number of specific modifications. Broadland District Council has now issued a **decision statement**, approving the examiner's recommendations, including that to send the modified Plan to a referendum in the community.

The referendum will allow local electors to vote on whether they wish to see the Plan implemented or not. However, **due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the Government has produced legislation stating that no Neighbourhood Plan referendums can take place until May 6<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

In the meantime, however, the Government has also stated that where a local planning authority has made a decision detailing its intention to send a Neighbourhood Plan to referendum (as in this case), that plan can be given significant weight in decision-making, so far as the plan is material to the planning application being considered.

Further details on the referendum will be announced at the appropriate time in 2021. In the meantime, the decision statement issued by Broadland District Council, the examiner's report, and the proposed Neighbourhood Plan are available to view at the following websites:

**Broadland District Council website:** [www.broadland.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans](http://www.broadland.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans)

**Taverham Parish Council website:** [www.taverhamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.taverhamparishcouncil.org.uk)

As soon as the restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 pandemic allow us to do so, we will place copies of these documents in **Taverham Library** (currently closed) and at the **Broadland District Council offices** (currently only open for essential visits).

If you have any queries, please contact the District Council's Place Shaping team at [neighbourhood.plans@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.plans@broadland.gov.uk) or on (01603) 431133.

Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Clerk of Taverham Parish Council at [clerk@taverhamparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@taverhamparishcouncil.org.uk) or on (01603) 260538.