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Dear Samantha,

Taverham Neighbourhood Plan – notice of decision under Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

In accordance with Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, and following receipt of the independent examiner's report, Broadland District Council has now issued its decision statement approving the examiner's recommendations, including that to send the modified Taverham Neighbourhood Plan to a local referendum. Please see the enclosed decision statement which formally sets out the Council's response to the recommendations.

The next step will be send the Plan to referendum. However, due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the Government has produced legislation stating that no Neighbourhood Plan referendums can take place until May 6th 2021.

In the meantime (and because of this delay), the Government has also updated guidance to state 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.

We will be in contact with the Parish Council regarding the referendum at the appropriate time next year. In the meantime, the decision statement, the examiner's report, and the proposed Neighbourhood Plan will shortly be available to view on our website at: www.broadland.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans. As already discussed, I would

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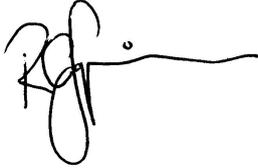


be very grateful if you could also make these documents available via the Parish Council website.

I have also enclosed a copy of a public notice for which I would be grateful if you could arrange to post on parish notice boards, to bring the decision to the attention of the public. Please feel free to use the content of the public notice to develop an article for the local parish newsletter/magazine.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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