



Newbold Verdon PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Ms Belcher,

RE: Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan – Withdrawal Statement

Newbold Verdon Parish Council submitted their Neighbourhood Plan to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council on 8th January 2020. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee on behalf of the Parish Council then conducted a six week Regulation 16 consultation between 22nd January 2020 and 6th March 2020. The SEA screening Report was consulted on between 11th November and 1st December 2019.

Following these consultations, the Neighbourhood Plan, the supporting documents and the responses received were received by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and sent to an Independent Examiner; Andrew Ashcroft. The formal independent examination on the Neighbourhood Plan commenced on 23rd March 2020.

Prior to the completion of the examination process, the Examiner made it known that he could not continue due to the fact procedures had not been followed, i.e. Regulation 14 had been completed before the SEA and Regulation 16 process. The Parish Council were then given the choice to withdraw the Plan completely or, repeat Regulation 14. Therefore, the NHP Steering Committee and Council members held a meeting on 16th April 2020 to discuss the options and agree the recommendation to repeat Regulation 14.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's Planning Department were notified of this recommendation via email, on the 21st April 2020, whereby the examiner was also informed. It was then confirmed that the examiner could take no further action on the examination until Council had made a formal decision at its next available meeting.

Newbold Verdon Parish Council at its meeting on 7th May 2020 under minute reference 20/228(a), unanimously agreed to make the decision to withdraw the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan and repeat the Regulation 14 process to address the concerns of the examiner, with the hope that the Plan be ready to be 'made' in early 2021.

Any updates will be published on the Council's Local Plan website:
<https://newboldverdonparishcouncil.org.uk/community/neighbourhood-plan/>

Yours sincerely,

Dianne Finney
Chairman
Newbold Verdon Parish Council