



DECISION STATEMENT:

GUISBOROUGH CIVIL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2025 - 2040

DETERMINATION UNDER PLANNING & COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012

Summary

This Decision Statement has been prepared and published in accordance with Regulation 18(2) of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended). This statement sets out Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council's decision and proposed actions following receipt of the Examiner's Report into the Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

This decision has been taken at the Cabinet meeting on 28th April 2026.

The Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2025-2040, this Decision Statement and the Examiner's Report are available to view and download from the Council's website at <https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/guisborough-neighbourhood-area-planning>.

Subject to a request in advance, paper or electronic copies may be inspected at Seafield House, Kirkleatham Street, Redcar, TS10 1SP during normal opening times. Please refer to the Council's website for details. Further information about the neighbourhood planning process, including the purpose of the examination and referendum, is provided on the Council's website.

Background

The Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2025 – 2040 has been prepared by Guisborough Town Council. Once adopted it will form part of the Statutory Development Plan for the area, against which future planning applications within the designated Guisborough Civil Parish Area will be determined.

The Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council and subject to a public 'Regulation 16' from 10th November 2025 to 22nd December 2025. The plan was then submitted for independent examination to test whether the Plan meets the basic conditions, and other matters set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), as applied to Neighbourhood Plans by Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Independent Examiner Mr Patrick Whitehead DipTP (Nott) MRTPI was appointed by Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council with the agreement of Guisborough Town Council.

Examiner's Recommendations

The Examiner's Report was received on the 9th March 2026. In his report, the Examiner recommended a number of modifications to the Plan and its policies in order to ensure that the plan met the 'basic conditions' and other legal requirements. Other minor modifications were recommended to improve clarity. Full details of the 'basic conditions' against which the Plan was examined, the recommended modifications and reasons for these can be found in the Examiner's Report.

The report concluded that, subject to the proposed modifications, Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2025 – 2040 met the basic conditions and could proceed to a referendum within the designated Neighbourhood Area.

Council's Decision

Under the requirements of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the Council must consider the Examiner's recommendations and the reasons for them and decide what action to take in response to each.

Having considered the Examiner's report, the Council accepts the proposed modifications and the reasons given for these. It is decided that, subject to the modifications being incorporated into the Plan, the Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2025 – 2040 meets the basic conditions. Accordingly, the modified Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2025 – 2040 may proceed to a referendum within the designated Neighbourhood Plan Area.

A referendum will be held within 56 working days of the publication of this Decision Statement, and in line with the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012. In the interim, the issuing of this Decision Statement enables the Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2025 – 2040 to be afforded weight in the determination of future planning applications until the referendum can take place.

Formal details of the referendum arrangements will be confirmed on publication of the Information Statement in due course. Please keep up to date by viewing our website <https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/guisborough-neighbourhood-area-planning>.

Conclusion

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council is satisfied that, subject to applying the modifications recommended by the independent Examiner, the Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2025-2040 meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements and will proceed to referendum.

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