

West Lindsey District Council
Regulation 19 - Decision Statement - Referendum
Scothern Neighbourhood Plan Review

1.1 Under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) has produced this 'Decision Statement' in relation to the Scothern Neighbourhood Plan Review (Plan Review) submitted to it by Scothern Parish Council (SPC).

1.2 Following examination, WLDC confirms that the Plan Review will proceed to a neighbourhood planning referendum, to be held on 20 June 2024. Documents relevant to the Plan can be viewed on the WLDC's webpage at:

[Scothern Neighbourhood Plan Review](#)

2.1 On 9 April 2015, SPC received approval from WLDC for the designation of the whole parish of Scothern as a Neighbourhood Plan Area for the purpose of preparing such a plan.

2.2 In September 2022, SPC published for consultation the pre-submission Plan Review (in accordance with Regulation 14). Thereafter consultation on the submission Plan Review (in accordance with Regulation 16) was undertaken in mid-2023.

2.3 In early 2024 an independent examination of the submitted Plan Review was carried out. The examiner's report was completed on 21 February 2024 and made available to WLDC and SPC.

2.4 WLDC, under delegated powers, has determined that the examiner's recommended modifications to the submitted Plan Review meet the 'basic conditions' as set out in section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2.5 WLDC and SPC have agreed that the modifications be accepted and included in the final Plan Review and that it should proceed to a public referendum.

2.6 To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, the referendum will pose the following question.

"Do you want West Lindsey District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan Review for Scothern to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"