



Brighton & Hove City Council

Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2030

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Regulation 19 and 20: Decision on a Plan Proposal and Publicising a Neighbourhood Development Plan

1. Summary

- 1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the City Council has a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans and Orders and to take plans through a process of examination, referendum and adoption. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 Chapter 3) sets out the local planning authority's responsibilities under Neighbourhood Planning.
- 1.2 This report confirms that at a Council meeting on 28 March 2024, Brighton & Hove City Council has resolved to 'make' the Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2030. This means that the Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2030 has been brought into legal force and forms part of the statutory Development Plan for Brighton & Hove. Consequently, decisions in determining planning applications in the Hove Station Neighbourhood Area will be made in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

2. Decision and Reasons for the Decision

- 2.1 The Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan covers the area designated by Brighton & Hove City Council as the Hove Station Neighbourhood Area on 18 September 2014. This area includes parts of four Council wards, these being Central Hove, Goldsmid, Westbourne & Poets' Corner and Wish. The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the Hove Station Neighbourhood Forum which was formally designated by the City Council on 23 December 2014 and re-designated on 18 September 2019.
- 2.2 The Neighbourhood Plan has been subject to independent examination by Mr Jeremy Edge BSc FRICS MRTPI. The Examiner concluded that subject to a number of recommended modifications the Neighbourhood Plan met the Basic Conditions and necessary legal requirements and could proceed to referendum. On 14 December 2023, the Council resolved to accept all of the examiner's recommended modifications and the Neighbourhood Plan thereby amended was sent forward to referendum.

- 2.3 A referendum was held in the Hove Station Neighbourhood Area on 9 February 2024. The Neighbourhood Plan was supported with 93% of the votes cast agreeing that the Neighbourhood Plan should be used by Brighton & Hove City Council to help decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area (turnout at the referendum was 15.13%).
- 2.4 The Council is satisfied that the Plan, including its preparation, does not breach or is not otherwise incompatible with any retained EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). This statement confirms that as a result of the Council resolution of 28 March 2024, the Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2030 has been 'made' and forms part of the Development Plan for the designated Hove Station Neighbourhood Area.
- 2.5 In accordance with Regulations 19 and 20 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), this Adoption Decision statement and the Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2030 have been made available to view on the Council's website at [Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk)
- 2.6 Hard copy versions of these documents can be inspected on request at Hove Library and Hove Town Hall. The City Council has notified all persons who requested to be notified of the making of the plan and where it can be inspected.

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