

**Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Schedule 4B (as applied by s38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

**Final decision statement for Watton Neighbourhood Plan**

Watton Town Council have prepared a neighbourhood development plan.

On 12 September 2024 a referendum was held in the designated neighbourhood area (see plan A below), in which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the referendum question:

“Do you want Breckland District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Watton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

Accordingly, on 8 April (Cabinet) and 5 July (Full Council) 2024 Breckland District Council decided to ‘make’ (adopt) the plan.

This decision statement confirms that as of 8 April 2024, the Watton Neighbourhood Plan as ‘made’ has become part of the statutory development plan for Breckland and will be used where relevant to help the council decide planning applications within the designated area, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

**Reasons for decision:**

The plan has been independently examined and agreed by both the examiner and Breckland District Council to meet the basic conditions, subject to all of the policies being modified; it has been endorsed by the community having been subject to a referendum and has otherwise complied with all the legal requirements of neighbourhood plan production. It is considered that the plan meets European legislation and is compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998.

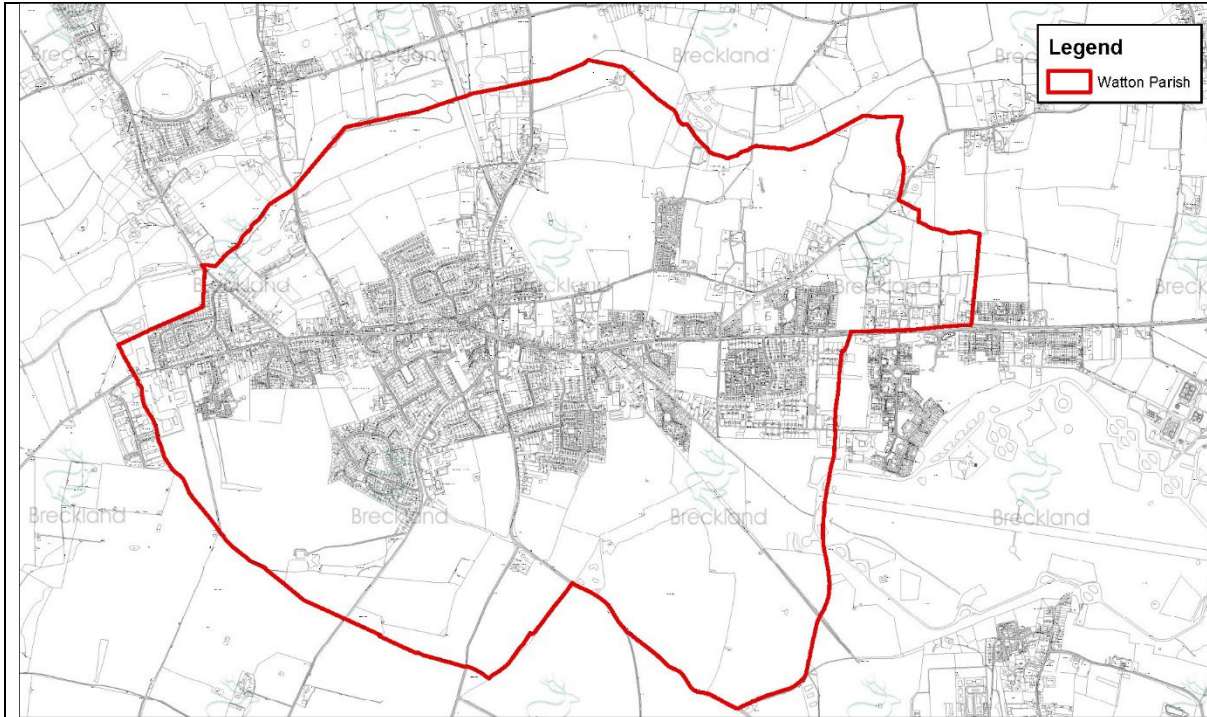
**Availability:**

The Watton Neighbourhood Plan along with this decision statement and other supporting documents may be inspected on the council’s website at Neighbourhood Planning Watton Neighbourhood Plan.

**Councillor Sarah Suggitt**

**Breckland Council**

**8 April 2024**



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