

**HACKBRIDGE AND BEDDINGTON CORNER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**  
**FINAL DECISION STATEMENT**  
**5 DECEMBER 2018**

**Summary**

- 1.1** Following a positive referendum result on the **Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan** on 29 November 2018, the London Borough of Sutton (LB Sutton) proposes to make the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for the purposes of planning decisions in the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Area.

**Background**

- 1.2** The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Area and Forum was formally designated by LB Sutton as a Neighbourhood Forum on 18 September 2018 and re-designated on 26 September 2017. The Neighbourhood Plan relates to the Neighbourhood Area as designated by LB Sutton.
- 1.3** The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan was published for Regulation 16 consultation between 17 August 2017 and 12 October 2017. It was submitted for Examination on 16 May 2018. Following an Independent Examination of the Neighbourhood Plan and the receipt of the Examiner's Report, the council decided, at the Housing, Economy and Business (HEB) Committee on 25 September 2018, that subject to the Examiner's proposed modifications, the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum. A referendum was held on 29 November 2018. The results were as follows:
- The number of votes cast in favour of **YES** was 626 (89.4%)
  - The number of votes cast in favour of **NO** was 74 (10.6%)
  - Total number of votes cast 700 – 0 rejects
  - The turnout was 14.81%.
- 1.4** Paragraph 38A (4) (a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended requires that the council must make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of the people who voted have voted in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. The council is not subject to this duty if the making of the Neighbourhood Plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any European Union obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

**Decision and Reasons**

- 1.5** LB Sutton has taken the decision to make the neighbourhood plan for the following reasons:
- The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan, as published for referendum (in this regard, the Neighbourhood Plan that incorporates the Examiner's recommended modifications), meets the

basic conditions set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, is compatible with European Union obligations and the European Convention of Human Rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Section 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended.

- The referendum held on 29 November 2017 met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.
- The count took place on 30 November 2017 and more than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan being used to help decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area.
- LB Sutton has decided that the Neighbourhood Plan and its preparation does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible, with, any European Union obligation or of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).