

ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL

CROWHURST PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2018-2028: DECISION STATEMENT¹

1. Summary

- 1.1. Following an independent examination, notice is given that Rother District Council ("the District Council"), at its meeting on 19 May 2025, 'made' the Crowhurst Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018-28, meaning the reviewed Neighbourhood Plan comes into force with immediate effect. Hence, it forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the area and, as such, is a key policy document in the determination of planning applications for development in Crowhurst Parish.
- 1.2. The 'made' Crowhurst Parish Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the District Council's website at: [Crowhurst Neighbourhood Plan – Rother District Council](#). Also available is the Strategic Environmental Assessment Adoption Statement on the same page.

2. Background

- 2.1. The neighbourhood plan is a review of the Crowhurst Neighbourhood Plan. Schedule A2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Section 38A (11) introduces a process for the modification of neighbourhood plans.
- 2.2. In February 2025, Rother District Council (the council) received the independent examiner's report into the Crowhurst Neighbourhood Plan Review. The examiner determined that a referendum was not necessary as the proposed modifications to the existing Crowhurst Neighbourhood Plan although material in some cases, are not so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the made plan. The examiner concluded the Crowhurst Neighbourhood Plan Review meets the basic conditions and is compliant with legal and procedural requirements and recommended that Rother District make the plan review subject to modifications specified in their report.

3. Decision and Reasons

- 3.1. In accordance with Paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and Regulation 18 of the 2012 Regulations, the council fully accepts all of the recommended modifications of the examiner in relation to the Crowhurst Neighbourhood Development Plan Review and the examiner's reasons for making the modifications. The council has modified the plan in conjunction with Crowhurst Parish Council in line with the examiner's recommendations.

¹ In accordance with regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

- 3.2. The council is required by Schedule A2 of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) to make the plan as soon as reasonably practicable if recommended in the examiner's report, unless doing so would breach, or otherwise be incompatible with, any EU or human rights obligations. The modified plan proposal is considered by Rother District Council to comply with the basic conditions and other statutory requirements.
- 3.3. The neighbourhood plan review and examiner's report were considered by the council on 19 May 2025 and it was decided to 'make' the Crowhurst Neighbourhood Development Plan Review as part of the development plan for Hargrave Parish. In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), the determination of planning applications will need to be made in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

4. Availability of documents

- 4.1. The 'made' Crowhurst Neighbourhood Plan, SEA Adoption Statement and related documents can be viewed on the Council's website at: [Crowhurst Neighbourhood Plan – Rother District Council](#).
- 4.2. The report to Cabinet in relation to the 'making' of the Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed at: [Agenda Document for Cabinet \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)
- 4.3. For further information, please contact the Planning Policy Team by email at: planning.strategy@rother.gov.uk or by telephone on 01424 787000.

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