

Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Neighbourhood Plan Withdrawal Statement

Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2012

Name of neighbourhood area	Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Neighbourhood Area
Parish Council	Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Group Parish Council
Draft Consultation period (Reg14)	26 October to 14 December 2015
Submission consultation period (Reg16)	7 November to 19 December 2016
Examination	May 2017
Inspector Report Received	28 June 2017

- 1 Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Group Parish Council submitted their Neighbourhood Plan to Herefordshire Council in November 2016. The submission consultation was undertaken from 7 November to 19 December 2016 and during this period 10 representations were received. Following the issuing of the 'Progress to Examination Decision Document on 13 January 2017, Edward Cousins was appointed to independently examine the Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2 The Examiner issued his report on the 28 June 2017. He suggested that the plan did not meet the Basic Conditions as prescribed within section 8 (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Localism Act 2011 Schedule 10) as it breaches EU obligations relating to the Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- 3 Unfortunately Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Group Parish Council are concerned that comments within the report do not reflect the community work and aspirations and wish to review procedures in relation to the assessment of reasonable alternatives. With this in mind at a meeting of Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Group Parish Council on Thursday 13 July 2017 they unanimous agreed to withdraw the Neighbourhood Plan at this stage.
- 4 Rather than withdrawing completely from the work which has been undertaken over the past three years, Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Group Parish Council are keen to review the evidence and address the concerns of the Examiner whilst still meeting the community aspirations. The intention being to reformulate and resubmit the plan and the associated Environmental Assessments within the coming months.
- 5 Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Group Parish Council notified Herefordshire Council of their decision to withdraw the Welsh Newton and Newton Neighbourhood Plan following their meeting on 13 July 2017. Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Group Parish Council will work on the

Neighbourhood Plan and associated documentation with advice and guidance from Herefordshire Council.

- 6 Paragraph 13 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 indicates that where the Council propose to make a decision which differs from the Examiner's recommendation, and the reason for the difference is wholly or partly as a result of new evidence or a new fact or different view take by the Council about a particular fact (ie agreeing to the Parish Council modification), the Council must notify prescribed persons of their proposed decision and the reason for it and invite representations.
- 7 Once re-submitted the revised Neighbourhood Plan will be made available for 6 weeks to receive representations in line with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 8 At the appropriate stage the revised Neighbourhood Plan, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitat Regulation Assessment, policies maps and other supporting documentation and received representations will be sent to an independent examiner.
- 9 The Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Neighbourhood Plan and the Examiner's report can be seen on the Herefordshire Council website at <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/welsh-newton-and-llanrothal-group>



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