



East Cambridgeshire District Council

Decision Statement (Reg. 19): Witcham Neighbourhood Plan made part of the Development Plan

23 March 2026

This Decision Statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 19 a(i) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). This statement confirms East Cambridgeshire District Council's (the Council) decision on the Witcham Neighbourhood Plan and its reasons for making that decision.

The Council made the Witcham Neighbourhood Plan part of the development plan at a Full Council meeting on 24 February 2026. Consequently, all planning decisions in the Witcham Neighbourhood Area will need to be made in accordance with the development plan, which includes this neighbourhood plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Witcham Neighbourhood Plan was made part of the development plan for the following reasons:

1. Following independent examination, the Council confirms that the Witcham Neighbourhood Plan, including its preparation, meets all the 'Basic Conditions' within Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. It is compliant with legal requirements and does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
2. The Neighbourhood Plan went to referendum on Thursday 12 February 2026 and a majority of the votes cast were in favour of making the plan part of the development plan for the area.

The 'made' Neighbourhood Plan is available to view and download from our website

www.eastcambs.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-guidance/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-10

A copy can be viewed at East Cambridgeshire District Council's Customer Service Centre at The Grange, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4EE, during normal opening hours.

End of Statement.