

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



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

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

East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) made the Mepal Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan at a Full Council meeting on 25 July 2024. Consequently, all planning decisions in the Mepal Neighbourhood Area will need to be made in accordance with the Development Plan, which includes this Neighbourhood Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Mepal Neighbourhood Plan was made part of the Development Plan for the following reasons:

1. Following independent examination, ECDC confirms that the Mepal 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 13 June 2024 and the majority of the votes cast were in favour of making the plan part of the Development Plan for the area.

The 'made' Mepal Neighbourhood Plan is available to view and download from our website <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/mepal-neighbourhood-plan>.

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.