

Planning and Transport Policy Sub-Committee

Decision Date – 14 February 2024 Addendum

Ruishton and Thornfalcon Neighbourhood Plan

The Referendum for the <u>Ruishton and Thornfalcon Neighbourhood Development Plan</u> ("the Plan") took place on Thursday 8 February 2024. The outcome of the referendum was 92.45% of those voting voted "yes" in support of the Plan.

Following a referendum where more than 50% of those voting are in favour of the Plan, Somerset Council is required to formally make the Plan part of the development plan. The Council is not obliged to do so if it considers that the making of the Plan would breach or otherwise be incompatible with any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998. The Neighbourhood Plan is compatible with those items of legislation. Therefore there are no legal grounds to not have the Neighbourhood Plan Made.

Once the Plan is formally made, it will form part of the statutory development plan, and so will be able to be used in the determination of planning applications in the Ruishton and Thornfalcon Neighbourhood Area which is the whole Parish of Ruishton and Thornfalcon Parish.