

Hallow Neighbourhood Plan (Review) Withdrawal Statement

Name of Neighbourhood Area	Hallow Neighbourhood Area
Parish Council	Hallow Parish Council
Draft Consultation Period (Reg 14)	22 May 2023 – 3 July 2023
Submission Consultation Period	2 September – 10 November 2023
Examination	19 January – 7 June 2024
Examiner's Report Received	28 May 2024

1. Hallow Parish Council submitted their Neighbourhood Plan (Review) to Malvern Hills District Council (MHDC) on 25 August 2023. The submission consultation was undertaken from 2 September to 10 November 2023 and during this period 14 representations were received. Mr Andrew Ashcroft was appointed to independently examine the Hallow Neighbourhood Plan.
2. The Examiner issued a clarification note on 6 February 2024. This note set out their initial comments as well as areas where they sought further clarification on certain matters.
3. The examination was undertaken by way of written representations. Mr Ashcroft visited the Neighbourhood Area on 5 February 2024.
4. The Examiner's report was received on 28 May 2024. Subject to a series of recommended modifications set out in the report, the examiner concluded that the Hallow Neighbourhood Plan (Review) meets all the necessary legal requirements and should proceed to referendum.
5. Hallow Parish Council informed MHDC of their decision to withdraw the Hallow Neighbourhood Plan (Review) on 7 June 2024. This letter is appended to this document (Appendix 1).
6. The decision to withdraw the neighbourhood plan was taken at the Hallow Parish Council Meeting on 13 June 2024. The Parish Council were updated on the feedback received from officers at MHDC and based on the Neighbourhood Development Plan examiner's report recommendations. Councillors agreed, pending the outcome of the General Election in July 2024, to withdraw the revised

Neighbourhood Development Plan with the view to picking up with work in 2025 and looking at more data for the First Homes policy. Councillors were also advised at the meeting that due to changes to national policy, a new Neighbourhood Plan is not required until 2025/2026 as the plan was made in July 2021. The meeting minutes will be available to view when published via the following link <https://www.hallowpc.co.uk/minutes-1>

7. MHDC have considered Hallow Parish Council's request to withdraw their Neighbourhood Plan. Schedule 4B 2 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011, stipulates that a parish council may withdraw their plan at any time before the local planning authority (Malvern Hills District Council), as the relevant body issues a Decision document following the examination of a neighbourhood plan.
8. The stage to issue a decision document has not been reached, therefore MHDC accepts Hallow Parish Council's decision to withdraw the Neighbourhood Plan (Review).
9. The Hallow Neighbourhood Plan (Review) and the Examiner's questions and report can be seen on the Malvern Hills District Council website at:

<https://www.malvernhills.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/hallow-neighbourhood-plan>

Appendix 1: Notification of Withdrawal from Hallow Parish Council:



HALLOW PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair: Hazel Kemshall

Parish Clerk: Julia Hixson

7th June 2024

Dear Mr Ford,

This is to inform you that Hallow Parish Council has made the decision to formally withdraw the Hallow Neighbourhood Development Plan at this time.

We thank you and all the staff at MHDC who have assisted us.

Kind regards,

Julia Hixson

Julia Hixson, Parish Clerk





Planning Services

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