

Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan Final Decision Statement



Decision

Following an independent Examination and a positive referendum result, Cheltenham Borough Council has decided on 22 June 2026 pursuant to Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2024, to 'make' the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan.

The Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the Development Plan of Cheltenham Borough and the policies in the plan will be used for determining planning applications in the Leckhampton with Warden Hill designated neighbourhood area.

Reasons for the Decision

With the Examiner's recommended modifications, the Plan meets the basic conditions, is compatible with EU obligations and the Conventions Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998) and other legal requirements.

The referendum held on 7 May 2026 met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. It was held in the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish area and posed the question, "Do you want Cheltenham Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Leckhampton with Warden Hill to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?."

The count took place on 8 May 2026 and more than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area. The results of the referendum were:

Number of votes cast in favour of a "Yes"	3005 (83.8%)
Number of votes cast in favour of a "No"	464 (12.9%)
Number of rejected ballot papers	117 (3.3%)

The total number of votes recorded represented 3586 of the registered electors. The voter turnout was 51.6%.

Cheltenham Borough Council has assessed that the Plan does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible, with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998)

The Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' at Full Council on 22 June 2026.