

Member Briefing

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- Title:** Making of Northwich and No Mans Heath neighbourhood plans
- Summary:** The purpose of this briefing note is to inform members that two neighbourhood plans have been made and to update them on the progress of other plans across the borough.

Introduction

Neighbourhood planning was introduced in 2012 to give communities the opportunity to have a greater say over future development in their areas. Plans that are in line with regulations and successfully pass through an examination and referendum process become part of the development plan for the area, along with the local plan. These neighbourhood plans are then used as a basis for making decisions on planning applications in their areas.

Northwich and No Mans Heath neighbourhood plans

Following successful referendums on 21 June 2018, Northwich and No Mans Heath neighbourhood plans have now been formally made. This brings the total number of made plans in the borough to 18.

Both the Northwich and No Mans Heath plans contain a vision for the future of their area, as well as policies that support sustainable new development and respect the existing features and qualities of the built and natural environment.

The community groups involved in the preparation of both plans should be congratulated on reaching this stage. It involved a significant amount of hard work, commitment and dedication.

With the plans now in place, proposals for development in these areas must take full account of the policies, which are part of the plan and the community have prepared and voted for.

Progress on other neighbourhood plans

A further 15 plans are at various stages of preparation. The most advanced is Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan, which was submitted for examination in April 2018.

Information on the [progress of all plans](#) can be found on the neighbourhood planning webpages.

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