

Recommendation from the Cabinet Parking and Planning Panel on 16 February 2023:

94.1 NORTHAW AND CUFFLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The report sets out the recommendations of the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 16 February to proceed with a referendum on the adoption of the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan.

Following the conclusion of the consultation on the submitted Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan in September 2022, an Independent Examiner was appointed by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council with the consent of Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council to conduct an examination of the plan.

The Examiner submitted his report to Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council on the 27 January 2023. The Examiner has recommended modifications and, subject to these modifications, recommends the plan to proceed to referendum.

The plan will require a majority vote, so at least 50% in favour of the plan to be able to move forward to be made by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council. There is no minimum or maximum turnout required and if the plan is made it will form part of the statutory development plan for the borough and will be used in the determination of planning applications.

Should Cabinet be minded to agree the recommendations, the item will go forward to full Council for a final decision.

**RESOLVED:**  
**(unanimous)**

- (1) That subject to the modifications recommended in the examiner's report being agreed, the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum; and,
- (2) Should the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan receive a majority vote in favour at referendum, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council formally 'makes' the Northaw and Cuffley Plan, to enable it to form part of the Development Plan for the borough.

The reports of the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel can be viewed in full here: <https://democracy.welhat.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=266&MId=1504&Ver=4>