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Background information

Marton Moss neighbourhood planning approach

The Blackpool Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy was adopted in January 2016 and identifies the remaining lands at Marton Moss as being integral to the local distinctiveness of Blackpool and is highly valued by the local community.

Policy CS26 sets out a neighbourhood planning approach. This means getting the community more involved in deciding what they want for the area, for example how to retain the Moss' distinctive character as well as deciding where and what type of development may be acceptable.

The council undertook consultation events in November 2017 and the local community voted in favour of producing their own Neighbourhood Plan. For more information on the consultation process and the results, please see the documents below.

- [Consultation report](#)
- [Information leaflet](#)
- [Information boards](#)

Designating the Marton Moss Neighbourhood Area and Forum

The Council formally designated the Marton Moss Neighbourhood Area and the Marton Moss Neighbourhood forum on the 26 March 2019, following a 6 week consultation period which ran between 21 January 2019 and the 4 March 2019. The council's decision is available below:

- [Marton Moss Neighbourhood Area and Forum designation decision](#)
- [Marton moss Neighbourhood Area and Forum designation decision notice](#)

The application, supporting documents and a schedule of representations are available below:

- [Schedule of Representations](#)
- [Marton Moss Neighbourhood Area and Forum Designation Application Form](#)
- [Proposed Marton Moss Neighbourhood Area](#)
- [Marton Moss Supporting Statement](#)
- [Marton Moss Constitution](#)

Regulation 14 - Draft Plan

Consultation on the Regulation 14 Consultation Draft Marton Moss Neighbourhood Plan took place during March/April 2022.

Further information can be found on the [Neighbourhood Forum's website](#) including the evidence base which underpins the policies and proposal in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

To make contact with the Forum please email enquiries@martonmossforum.org

*These documents have been produced by/for the Marton Moss Neighbourhood Forum and may not meet the council's accessibility

standards. If you require any documents in an accessible format please contact the Marton Moss Neighbourhood Forum directly.

Regulation 16 submission draft neighbourhood plan - October to November 2023

The Marton Moss Neighbourhood Forum submitted their regulation 16 Submission Draft Marton Moss Neighbourhood Plan to the council. The council publicised that the neighbourhood plan was out to consultation. This accords with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Comments were invited on the documents below during the consultation period 17 October 2022 to 5.00pm on 28 November 2022 in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood plan Regulations.

[A summary of representations received on the Regulation 16 Submission Draft Plan \[PDF 184KB\]](#)

To comply with the regulations, the neighbourhood forum submitted the following documents:

- [Neighbourhood plan](#)
- [Consultation statement](#)
- [Basic conditions statement](#)

The following documents have also been produced to help support the submission of the neighbourhood plan:

- [Habitats Regulations Assessment](#)
- [SEA Environmental Report](#)
- [SEA Scoping Report](#)
- [Housing Site Allocations Appraisal](#)
- [Housing Viability Assessment](#)
- [Biodiversity Strategy](#)
- [Open Land study](#)
- [Local Greenspace Study](#)
- [Footpaths, Bridleways and Cycle Routes Study](#)

There are a number of other background documents on the [Marton Moss Neighbourhood Forum Website](#)

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Neighbourhood plan examination - February/March 2023

An independent examiner was appointed and the examination of the Neighbourhood Plan took place during February/March 2023 under Regulation 17.

The examiner considered the representations made to the council on the Regulation 16 plan and whether the plan meets the basic conditions and other requirements set out by law.

[Marton Moss Neighbourhood plan - examiner's procedural matters letter \[PDF 0.6MB\]](#)

[Blackpool Council response to examiner's procedural matters letter \[PDF 0.6MB\]](#)

[Marton Moss Neighbourhood Forum response to examiner's procedural matters letter \[PDF 0.2MB\]](#)

Examiner's report - March 2023

The council has now received the examiner's report which can be viewed below:

[Report on the Marton Moss Neighbourhood Plan 2020 - 2030 \[PDF 0.5MB\]](#)

Decision to proceed to referendum - June 2023

The examiner included in [his report](#) that subject to the recommended modifications being made to the neighbourhood plan, the Marton Moss Neighbourhood plan satisfies the basic conditions and that the plan should proceed to referendum.

The recommended modifications have now been made to the neighbourhood plan, a link to which can be found below.

Details of the referendum relating to the adoption of the Marton Moss Neighbourhood Plan will be published in due course.

The results of the Marton Moss Neighbourhood Planning referendum of the Neighbourhood Plan will be published. The

neighbourhood plan will come into force as part of the statutory development plan once it has been approved at referendum. If approved, the council must 'make' the plan as reasonable practicable after the referendum is held.

- [General information on Town and Country Planning and Neighbourhood Planning](#)
- [Decision statement](#)
- [Cabinet member decision - 6 June 2023](#)
- [Marton Moss Neighbourhood plan - Referendum plan \(June 2023\)](#)
- [Examiner's report](#)
- [Summary of written representations submitted to the independent examiner](#)

Referendum - 5 October 2023

A referendum relating to the adoption of the Marton Moss Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 5 October 2023.

The question that will be asked in the referendum is:

"Do you want Blackpool Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Marton Moss to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

Further information can be found in the [Referendum information statement](#)

Declaration of result of poll

Marton Moss Neighbourhood Planning Referendum

Blackpool Council

I, Neil Jack, being the Counting Officer for Blackpool Council at the above referendum held on Thursday 5 October 2023, do hereby give notice that the results of the votes cast is as follows:

Question

"Do you want Blackpool Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Marton Moss to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

Description	Votes recorded	Percentage
Number cast in favour of a Yes	246	90.44%
Number cast in favour of a No	26	9.56%

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:

Description	Number of ballot papers
(a) Want of an official mark	0
(b) Voting for more answers than required	0
(c) Writing or mark by which the voter could be identified	0
(d) Being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	0
Total rejected	0

Electorate: 845

Ballot papers verified: 272

Turnout: 32.19%

And I do hereby declare that more than half of those voting have voted:

Yes

In response to the question: "Do you want Blackpool Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Marton Moss to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

Dated: 5 October 2023

Neil Jack, Counting Officer

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