Following an independent examination of the Plympton St Mary Neighbourhood Plan and the receipt of the Examiner’s Report, the Council has decided that, subject to the Examiner’s proposed modifications, the Plympton St Mary Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum for the following reasons; the Neighbourhood Plan:

- Will be compatible with the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights in particular, to Article 8 (privacy); Article 14 (discrimination); and Article 1 of the first Protocol (Property);
- Will not breach, and is otherwise compatible with European Union obligations;
- Is not likely to have significant effect on a European designated site or a European Offshore Marine site either alone or in combination with other plans or projects;
- Taken as a whole, has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State and would contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
- Is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the Local Development Plan for the area;
- Meets the Basic Conditions; and
- Has undergone consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations, in particular Regulations 14 and 15(2) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The Council also agreed with the Examiner’s recommendation that the referendum of the Neighbourhood Plan should be based on the designated Neighbourhood Area approved by the Council on 25 January 2016.

This Decision Statement, the Examiner’s Report, including the proposed modifications and the Plympton St Mary Neighbourhood Plan (as amended) can be viewed on Plymouth City Council’s website: https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymptonstmaryneighbourhoodplan

The documents are also available for inspection during opening hours at the following venues from 13 March 2019:

- Plympton Library, Harewood, Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 2AS
- Plymouth Council House, Armada Way, Plymouth, PL1 2AA

To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 a referendum which poses the following question will be held in the area formally designated as the Plympton St Mary Neighbourhood Area:

“Do you want Plymouth City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Plympton St Mary to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?”

The referendum is scheduled to take place on Thursday 2 May 2019.

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