

Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 19 Decision Statement (Decision to Make the Plan)

The Council's Decision

Runnymede Borough Council made (adopted) the Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan ('the Plan') under Section 38(A) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The decision to make the Plan was made at a Planning Committee meeting held on 3 June 2026.

Reasons for the Decision

The Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan was examined from September to February 2026. The examiner recommended that the Plan should be modified and then progressed to a referendum of eligible residents within the Virginia Water Neighbourhood Area. The Council accepted the examiner's recommendations.

The referendum took place on Thursday 7th May 2026, and the majority of those voting voted in favour of the Council making the Plan. The Council is required by The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) to make the Plan as soon as reasonably practicable after the positive referendum result, unless doing so would breach, or otherwise be incompatible with, any EU or human rights obligations. It was not considered that to do so would breach these obligations. Therefore, the Council decided to make the Plan.

Further information

The report considered by the Council, which sets out the reasons for the recommendation to make the Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan, is available on the following webpage: <https://democracy.runnymede.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&MIId=1252&Ver=4>.

The minutes of the meeting will be available on the same page in due course. This Decision Statement and the Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan can be inspected online at <https://www.runnymede.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/3> or in paper form at the main reception at Runnymede Borough Council's Civic Offices, Station Road, Addlestone KT15 2AH during opening hours (available here: www.runnymede.gov.uk/contact-us-1)

A copy of this Decision Statement will be sent to:

- the qualifying body, namely Virginia Water Neighbourhood Forum; and
- any person who asked to be notified of the decision.

For further information about the Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan, please visit <https://www.runnymede.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/3> or contact the Council's Planning Policy Team by telephoning 01932 425239 or emailing planningpolicy@runnymede.gov.uk. Alternatively, please write to:

Planning Policy and Economic Development Business Unit,
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These are also the contact details for any queries relating to this Decision Statement.