

North York Moors National Park Authority

Planning Committee

Date 3 September 2026

Item 9, Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan Adoption

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To ask Members to formally adopt or ‘make’ the small part of the Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for the North York Moors National Park.

2. Background

- 2.1 Guisborough Town Council have been preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. They carried out initial engagement with the public in June 2024 and the latest stage in the process was a successful referendum on 2 July 2026. The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations require that where over 50% of those voting in the referendum vote in favour of the Plan, the relevant planning authorities are then legally obliged to ensure the Plan is ‘made’ (i.e. bring it into force as part of their Development Plan).
- 2.2 The Civil Parish area is split between the local planning authority areas of this National Park Authority and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC), with the vast majority of the town lying within RCBC. Hutton Village, the eastern part of Newton under Roseberry (east of the Guisborough/Great Ayton Road) and a small corner of the Hunters Hill estate in the town are within both the National Park and the Civil Parish area.
- 2.3 RCBC have led on helping with the preparation on this Plan as it is the planning authority with the majority of the population. It has also carried out the referendum.
- 2.4 An independent person was appointed to conduct an examination of the Plan and a report was issued on 9 March 2026. This stated that, subject to some modifications, the Plan met a set of nationally prescribed ‘Basic Conditions’ and could proceed to referendum. This was held on 2 July 2026 with 3,005 valid votes cast. 2,850 people voted ‘yes’ to the Plan being used. A copy of the declaration of the results of the referendum is at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.5 Many of the policies and proposals relate to the area outside of the National Park, hence officers did not raise any objections to the contents of the Plan. In practice as only a very small area of the Parish within the National Park it is likely the Plan policies will be seldom used by this Authority.

3. Financial and staffing implications

- 3.1 None. All costs have been met by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council as the lead authority. A small amount of officer time was needed to review and respond to the Plan.

4. Contribution to National Park Management Plan

- 4.1 No direct contribution.

5. Legal and sustainability implications

- 5.1 The Authority is legally obliged to 'make' the plan because it meets the legal requirements for plan making. Planning law then requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 That Members 'make' (i.e. adopt) the Guisborough Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan and bring it into full legal force as part of the Development Plan for the North York Moors National Park.

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Appendix 1 – Declaration of the results of the referendum

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF REFERENDUM

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

Guisborough Neighbourhood Planning Referendum

held on Thursday 2 July 2026

I, Steve Newton, being the Deputy Counting Officer at this referendum, do hereby give notice that the number of votes cast is as follows:

Question	
Do you want Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and North York Moors National Park to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Guisborough to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?	
	Number of Votes
YES	2850
NO	155

The number of ballot papers rejected is as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more than one answer	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	1
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	3
Total	4

Electorate: 14611	Ballot Papers Issued: 3009	Turnout: 20.59 %
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I hereby declare that the majority of electors voted yes in the Guisborough Neighbourhood Plan

Dated Friday 3rd July 2026


Steve Newton
Deputy Counting Officer