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## **Okehampton Town and Hamlets Neighbourhood Development Plan Regulation 18 Decision Statement**

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Following an independent examination of the Okehampton Town and Hamlets Neighbourhood Plan and the receipt of the Examiner's report, West Devon Borough Council (the Council) agrees with the Examiner's recommendation and has decided that the Okehampton Town and Hamlets Neighbourhood Plan should not proceed to referendum for the following reasons; the Neighbourhood Plan:

- Taken as a whole does not pay adequate regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- Would not, in relation to some of its policies, contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
- Is not in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the Development Plan for the area;
- Does not meet the Basic Conditions; and
- Has not met the statutory requirements set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations relating to consultation.

This Decision Statement, the Examiner's report, and the submission version of the Okehampton Town and Hamlets Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the West Devon Borough Council website: <https://www.neighbourhoodplanning.swdevon.gov.uk/okehampton>

The Plan and supporting documents can be viewed on the Okehampton Town and Hamlets Neighbourhood Plan website: <https://okehamptonneighbourhoodplan.com>

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