



Decision Statement – Quorn Neighbourhood Plan

Summary

This Decision Statement confirms that following an independent Examination the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum.

The Decision Statement, the Examiner's Report, the Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents are available to view on the Council's website:

https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/quorn_neighbourhood_plan

Paper copies of the documents are available for inspection at Charnwood Borough Council's Offices at Southfield Road, Loughborough, LE11 2TX.

Background

Quorn Parish Council applied for the parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) on the 31st October 2016. The designation was confirmed on the 21st December 2016.

The Quorn Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Charnwood Borough Council on the 8th October 2018. Following an assessment against the statutory requirements set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 the plan was publicised by the Borough Council for consultation, ending on the 26th November 2018.

The Borough Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, then appointed an independent examiner, Mr Andrew Ashcroft, to review whether the Neighbourhood Plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and should proceed to Referendum.

The Examiner's report was received on the 28th January 2019 and recommended that, subject to the modifications recommended, the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a Referendum.

Decision and Reasons

Charnwood Borough Council, in agreement with Quorn Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee, has considered each of the recommendations made by the Examiner and the reasons for them; consequently all of the modifications to the Plan recommended by the Examiner have been made. The modifications and modified Neighbourhood Plan ensure that the Basic Conditions set out in Paragraph 8(2), Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 are met. For clarity, the relevant basic conditions are:

- a) Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the order (or neighbourhood plan).
- d) The making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
- e) The making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).
- f) The making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.
- g) Prescribed conditions are met in relation to the order (or plan) and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order (or neighbourhood plan).

In addition to the basic conditions set out in primary legislation, Regulations 32 and 33 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) sets out further requirements that a neighbourhood plan should not have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site either alone or in combination with other plans and projects. The Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report and the Habitats Regulation Screening Report (January 2019) confirmed it is unlikely that there will be any significant environmental effects, including on European sites, arising from the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan and that further testing was not required.

Taking the above into account, Charnwood Borough Council considers that the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan, as modified to incorporate the Examiner's recommendations, should proceed to Referendum.



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