



## Cossington Neighbourhood Plan – Decision Statement

### Summary

This Statement publicises the decision taken by Charnwood Borough Council to “make” the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan as part of Charnwood Borough Council’s Development Plan, in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

### Background

The key stages for preparing the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan included:

- Neighbourhood Area Designated on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- The Parish Council prepared the plan and this was informed by informal public consultation
- Parish Council (Regulation 14) formal public consultation undertaken during March/ April 2022
- Borough Council (Regulation 16) formal public consultation undertaken during May/ June 2023.
- Independent examination report published on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- Approved by Referendum on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The examiner, Mr Nigel McGurk, was appointed with the agreement of the Parish Council. Their role was to ensure the neighbourhood plan met the legal ‘basic conditions’ and other legal requirements and to recommend whether the plan proceeded to public referendum. The examiner recommended that the plan proceeded to public referendum, subject to specified modifications being made to the plan, which were made with the agreement of the Parish Council.

The referendum, held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023, asked the question “*Do you want Charnwood Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Cossington Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*” Neighbourhood plans are required to gain a majority of 50% plus one in favour at a local referendum in order to be made by the local planning authority. The result was that the plan be approved as set out below:

No	8
Yes	79
Rejected Ballot	1
Turnout	22.92%

### Decision and Reasons

At the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024, the Borough Council resolved that the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan be formally “made”, confirming its status as part of the development plan for Charnwood, and that it can be used in the determination of planning applications in the parish of Cossington.

With the Examiner's recommended modifications, the Cossington Neighbourhood Plan meets the "basic conditions" set out in paragraph 8(2) of the Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; is compatible with EU obligations and the Convention rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Section 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended.

Cossington Neighbourhood Plan

The Cossington Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents are available to view on the Borough Council's website at:

[Cossington Neighbourhood Plan - Charnwood Borough Council](#)

Paper copies are also available to view by appointment at the below location, please call the Local Plans team on 01509 634929 to make an appointment:

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