



Quorn Neighbourhood Plan – Decision Statement

Summary

This Statement publicises the decision taken by Charnwood Borough Council to “make” the Quorn 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

On the 21st December 2016, Charnwood Borough Council designated Quorn Parish as a Neighbourhood Area, for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

The qualifying body, Quorn Parish Council, invited representations on a draft Neighbourhood Plan from the 23rd July to the 9th September 2017. The draft Neighbourhood Plan was formally submitted to the Borough Council on the 8th October 2018. Following confirmation by the Borough Council that all the necessary material had been submitted, a further 6 week statutory consultation on the submission documents was undertaken by the Borough Council from the 15th October to the 26th November 2018.

After consultation with the Parish Council, the Borough Council appointed an independent Examiner, Mr Andrew Ashcroft, to carry out an examination of the plan. The Examiner’s report was published on the 29th January 2019. This determined that the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions against which it was examined, subject to a number of proposed modifications, and recommended that the plan should proceed to referendum.

These modifications were agreed with the Parish Council and the Borough Council held the referendum in Quorn parish on Thursday 2nd May 2019. The referendum presented a single question upon which anybody registered to vote in the parish could answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to the following:

Do you want Charnwood Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Quorn to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

All 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. 1,485 votes (84.6%) were cast in favour of “Yes”. 198 votes (11.3%) were cast in favour of “No”. It was declared by the Counting Officer that more than half of those voting had voted in favour of the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan.

Decision and Reasons

At the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 6th June 2019 it was advised that as the number of votes in the Referendum cast in favour of a “Yes” constituted more than half of those voting, 50% plus 1, it is now for the Borough Council to make the neighbourhood plan so that it formally becomes part of the development plan for Charnwood.

Therefore, the Borough Council resolved on the 6th June 2019 that the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan be formerly “made”, forming part of the development plan, and can be used in the determination of planning applications in the parish of Quorn.

With the Examiner’s recommended modifications, the Quorn 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.

Quorn Neighbourhood Plan

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

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

Paper copies are also available to view at:

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