



## **Sileby Neighbourhood Plan – Decision Statement**

### Summary

This Statement publicises the decision taken by Charnwood Borough Council to “make” the Sileby 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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Charnwood Borough Council designated Sileby 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, Sileby Parish Council, invited representations on a draft Neighbourhood Plan from the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The draft Neighbourhood Plan was formally submitted to the Borough Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May to the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

After consultation with the Parish Council, the Borough Council appointed an independent Examiner, Mr Richard High, to carry out an examination of the plan. The Examiner’s report was published on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This determined that the Sileby 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 Sileby parish on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 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 Sileby 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. 920 votes (89.8%) were cast in favour of “Yes”; 104 votes (10.2%) 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 Sileby Neighbourhood Plan.

### Decision and Reasons

At the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 that the Sileby 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 Sileby.

With the Examiner’s recommended modifications, the Sileby 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.

Sileby Neighbourhood Plan

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

[https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/sileby\\_neighbourhood\\_plan](https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/sileby_neighbourhood_plan)

Paper copies are also available to view at:

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