



Wolds Villages Neighbourhood Plan – Decision Statement

Summary

This Statement publicises the decision taken by Charnwood Borough Council to “make” the Wolds Villages 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 Wolds Villages Neighbourhood Plan included:

- Neighbourhood Area Designated in October 2014
- The Steering group prepared the plan and informed by informal public consultation
- Parish Council (Regulation 14) formal public consultation undertaken on August/ September 2018.
- Borough Council (Regulation 16) formal public consultation undertaken on August/October 2019.
- Independent examination report published 28th February 2020.
- Approved by Referendum on 6th May 2021.

The examiner, Mr Andrew Matheson, was appointed with the agreement of the Parish Councils. His 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 Councils.

The referendum held on 6th May 2021 asked the question “*Do you want Charnwood Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for the Wolds Villages 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	85
Yes	468
Rejected Ballot	18
Turnout	44.16%

Decision and Reasons

At the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 10th June 2021, the Borough Council resolved that the Wolds Villages 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 parishes of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, and Hoton Parish Council.

With the Examiner’s recommended modifications, the Wolds Villages 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.

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

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

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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Bennett', written in a cursive style.

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