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**Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council**  
**Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Development Plan Decision Statement**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1. Following a positive referendum result, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

**2. Background**

- 2.1. Following a successful application in 2011 to be a Frontrunner as part of the Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard scheme, members of Market Bosworth Parish Council and residents from Market Bosworth Parish came together in 2013 to form a Neighbourhood Forum in order to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Market Bosworth Parish. The Neighbourhood Area was designated on 21 March 2013 in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, and work on preparation of the plan began.
- 2.2. The Plan was published by Market Bosworth Parish Council for regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation from 16 June 2014 to 25 July 2014.
- 2.3. Following the submission of the Plan to the Borough Council, the Plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders for a further 6 weeks from 24 November 2014 to 9 January 2015.
- 2.4. Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, in agreement with Market Bosworth Parish Council, appointed an Independent Examiner, Richard High, to review whether the plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and whether the plan should proceed to referendum.
- 2.5. The Examiner's report concluded that the Plan met the Basic Conditions subject to a number of modifications and therefore could proceed to a referendum. The Report also recommended that the houses on the road The Park be included in the referendum, to reflect the current Parish boundary which was modified after the Neighbourhood Area was designated. On 21 July, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council accepted the Examiner's recommendations and agreed that the Plan should proceed to referendum,

with the proviso that the Plan would be 'made' if a majority of voters were in favour of the plan.

### **3. Decisions and Reasons**

3.1 With the Examiner's recommended modifications the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in paragraph (8) (2) of 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 Sections 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended.

3.2 The referendum held on Thursday, 3 September 2015 in the parish of Market Bosworth posed the question: "Do you want Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Area to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?"

3.3 The count took place on Thursday, 3 September and greater than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area. The results of the referendum were as follows:

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
Yes	358	89%
No	46	11%
Turnout: 23%		

3.4 The council has assessed that the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

3.5 In accordance with the regulations, Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Development Plan is 'made' and planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area must be considered against the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan, as well as existing planning policy.

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