

Markfield Neighbourhood Plan

Decision Statement – 1st July 2021

**Regulation 18(2) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General)
Regulations 2012 (as amended)**



**Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council**

Summary

Following an independent examination undertaken by written representations, the council have considered all of the information available and this Decision Statement outlines the Local Planning Authority's (LPA) decision in regards to the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan.

This Decision Statement will be made available on the Borough Council's website.

Background

In March 2017, Markfield Parish Council submitted an application to designate a neighbourhood area in order to prepare a neighbourhood development plan (NDP) to cover the whole area of Markfield Parish. A six week public consultation on whether this was an appropriate area to designate for the purpose of undertaking a neighbourhood development plan ended on 14 April 2017. Following the consultation, the Borough Council formally designated Markfield Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of producing a neighbourhood development plan. The designated area covers Markfield Parish only.

The Markfield Neighbourhood Plan submission version was submitted to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, who undertook the statutory consultation in accordance with Regulation 16, between Wednesday 10 February 2021, and 5pm on Wednesday 24 March 2021.

The Borough Council with the agreement of Markfield Parish Council appointed an independent Examiner (via the NPIERS referral service). Mr Chris Collison was appointed to examine whether the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and to recommend whether the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum.

The Examiner's Report recommends a range of modifications to policies, as well as some of the supporting content in the Plan, including corrections, to provide clarity in order to ensure that the Basic Conditions are met.

The Examiner's Report (May 2021) concludes by stating:

'I recommend to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council that the Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan for the plan period up to 2039 should, subject to the modifications I have recommended, be submitted to referendum'.

'I recommend that the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum based on the area that was designated by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council as a Neighbourhood Area on 11 May 2017'.

Decision

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Regulation 18 requires the local planning authority to outline what action to take in response to the recommendations of an examiner made in a report under paragraph 10 of Schedule 4a to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as applied by Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).

Having considered the recommendations made in the examiner's report, and the reasons for them, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council has agreed to accept the modifications made to the draft plan under paragraph 12(6) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in response to the Examiner's recommendations/ modifications.

To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 a referendum which poses the question, 'Do you want Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Markfield Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?' will be held in the area formally designated as the Markfield Neighbourhood Area.