



Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council

## **Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Decision Statement – 29 March 2022**

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

##### **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 to "make" the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan.

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

##### **Background**

In March 2017, Barlestone Parish Council submitted an application to designate a neighbourhood area in order to prepare a neighbourhood development plan (NDP). Following a 6 week period of consultation, the Borough Council formally designated Barlestone Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of producing a neighbourhood development plan in May 2017. The designated area covers the area of Barlestone Parish.

The Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan submission version was submitted to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, who undertook the statutory consultation in accordance with Regulation 16, between Wednesday 15 September 2021 and Wednesday 27 October 2021.

The Borough Council with the agreement of Barlestone Parish Council appointed an independent Examiner (via the NPIERS referral service). Mr Andrew Ashcroft was appointed to examine whether the Barlestone 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 Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum.

The Examiner's Report recommends modifications to policies and modifications to 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 (January 2022) concludes by stating:

*'On the basis of the findings in this report I recommend to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council that subject to the incorporation of the modifications set out in this report that the Barlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan should proceed to referendum'.*

*'I therefore recommend that the Plan should proceed to referendum based on the neighbourhood area as originally approved by the Borough Council in 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 Barlestone to help it determine planning applications in the neighbourhood area?' will be held in the area formally designated as the Barlestone Neighbourhood Area.