



Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council

**Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan**

**Decision Statement - Regulation 19 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

**Summary**

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

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 was finalised in January 2022.

The Scheme of Delegation and Council Constitution gives the Director of Environment and Planning delegated authority for the approval of proceeding neighbourhood plans to the referendum stage and for the making of Neighbourhood Development Plans following a successful result at referendum.

Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act as amended, the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016 requires that the Council must 'make' the Neighbourhood Plan within 8 weeks if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the Plan.

**Decisions and Reasons**

With the Examiner's recommended modifications the Barlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 48 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.

The Borough 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).

The referendum held on Thursday 23 June 2022 in the Parish of Barlestone, and posed the question: ‘Do you want Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for the Barlestone Neighbourhood Area to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?’

The count took place following the close of the poll on Thursday 23 June 2022. The results of the referendum were as follows:

<b>Do you want Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Barlestone Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?</b>		
	<b>Votes Recorded</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Number cast in favour of a <b>Yes</b>	260	82.80%
Number cast in favour of a <b>No</b>	52	16.56%

<b>The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:</b>	<b>Number of ballot papers</b>
A want of an official mark	
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	2
E rejected in part	
Total	2

Electorate: 1942

Ballot Papers Issued: 314

Turnout: 16.16%

Therefore it is confirmed that more than half of those voting have voted in favour the Neighbourhood Plan. In accordance with the regulations, Barlestone Neighbourhood Development Plan is ‘made’ and planning applications within the Neighbourhood Area must be considered against the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan, as well as existing national and local planning policy such as the National Planning Policy Framework and Guidance, and the Borough Council’s Local Plan.

### **Where to view this Decision Notice**

This Decision Statement and the referendum results may be viewed online on the borough council’s website. And at the following address: Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Hinckley Hub, Rugby Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 0FR

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