



Edenthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan – Final Decision Statement

1. Summary

1.1 Following a positive referendum result on Thursday 15th July 2021 Doncaster Council is publicising its decision to 'make' the Edenthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Development Plan for Doncaster in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

2. Background

2.1 Edenthorpe Parish Council, as the qualifying body successfully applied for the parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) (as amended) on 20th December 2016.

2.2 Following the submission of the Edenthorpe Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 11th October 2019.

2.3 The Council appointed an independent Examiner; Peter Biggers BSc Hons MRTPI to review whether the plan met the basic conditions required by legislation and whether the plan should proceed to referendum.

2.4 The Examiner's Report concluded that the plan met the basic conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in his report of which are set out in the Edenthorpe Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement published in February 2020 and the plan should proceed to a Referendum.

2.5 A referendum was due to be held on the 19th March 2020, however, the Referendum was postponed due to the outbreak of Covid-19, with the re-arranged Referendum taking place instead on Thursday 6th May 2021.

2.6 Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) requires that the Council must make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan.

2.7 The Council is not subject to this duty if the making of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).



3. Decision and Reasoning

3.1 The referendum held on 6th May 2021 and met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011; it was held in the area of Edenthorpe and posed the question:

'Do you want Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Edenthorpe to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area'.

3.2 Following the Count, the results were that greater than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area.

3.3 The results of the referendum were:

Number of votes cast:

'Yes' = 950

'No' = 190

Spoilt = 23

Votes cast - 1163

Electorate - 3922

Turnout - 29.65%

3.3 The Council has assessed that the plan including its preparation 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).

3.4 In accordance with the Regulations and the Council' procedure the Edenthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan was presented to Full Council on Thursday 15th July 2021 and was 'made' (adopted). Planning applications in the area must be considered against the Edenthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan and all other Development Plan policies.