

## Aberford Neighbourhood Development Plan

### Decision Statement published pursuant to Section 38A (9) and (10) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulations 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

#### 1. Summary

Following a positive referendum result on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, Leeds City Council is publicising its decision made by the Chief Planning Officer to ‘make’ the Aberford Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Leeds Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

#### 2. Decision & Reasoning

Leeds City Council appointed an independent Examiner; Ann Skippers MRTPI FRSA AoU, to review whether the plan meets the Basic Conditions required by legislation and whether the plan should proceed to referendum.

The Examiner’s Report concluded that the Plan meets the Basic Conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in the report, detailed by the Aberford Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement (published 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019), the Plan should proceed to a Referendum. The Examiner’s proposed modifications were made to the draft Plan in advance of the Referendum.

A referendum was held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and 86.7% of those who voted were in favour of the Plan. 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. Leeds City Council is not subject to this duty if the making of the Plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligations or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

The referendum held on 31<sup>st</sup> October met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011; it was held in the Aberford Neighbourhood Area and posed the question:

***‘Do you want Leeds City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Aberford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’***

The count took place on 31<sup>st</sup> October and greater than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the Plan being used to help determine planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area. The results of the referendum were:

Response	Votes
Yes	282 (86.7%)
No	43 (13.3%)
Turnout	27.7%

#### 3. Inspection of Decision Statement

This decision statement can be viewed on the Leeds City Council website and the Aberford Parish Council website:

- <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/aberford-and-district-neighbourhood-plan>
- <https://www.aberford-pc.gov.uk/>

Paper copies can also be viewed at:

- Leeds City Council, The City Centre Hub, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, LS2 8LX (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.30 – 17.00, Weds 9.30 - 17.00),
- Garforth Library & One Stop Centre, Lidgett Lane, Garforth, Leeds LS25 1EH (Mon, Weds 9.00 – 19.00, Tues, Fri 9.00 – 17.00, Thurs 9.00 – 18.00, Sat 9.00 – 16.00) [↗](#)
- Jessamine Cottage Surgery, Main Street, Aberford, Leeds LS25 3AA (during opening hours)
- The Arabian Horse, Main St, Aberford, Leeds LS25 3AA (during opening hours)

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